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BY PIPPA ARMSTRONG

VOTING takes place today (Thursday) in a referendum to help decide the future of Hednesford.

After four years of consultation and planning the Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan, a blue-print for development in the town, has been submitted and local people can say whether they approve of it in today's vote.

A key proposal in the plan is to designate the historic core of Hednesford town centre in Market Street as an area of special local character because of its Victorian and Edwardian build-

because of its Victorian and Edwardian buildings and distinctive architectural features.

This historic character will be maintained and enhanced. Any alterations o buildings, including shopfronts, signage, doors and windows will have to retain the key characteristics.

Where inappropriate replacement of original features has taken place in the past, owners will be encouraged to reinstate features.

An extensive survey has been carried out which has also identified a list of buildings out-

which has also identified a list of buildings outside the centre which are 'of significant quality and importance as key examples which reflect the character of the development of Hednesford through its major growth phases in Victorian and Edwardian times, together with some later landmark buildings and public realm structures,' according to the plan.

Needs

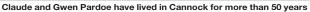
These include churches, pubs, and large villas together with the landmark BT Telecom and water towers at Pye Green.

A theme in the consultation was the need to A theme in the constitution was the need to meet the needs of older people, the fact that the age profile in the district is ageing, declines in household size and people aged over 60 tend to stay in the area. Voters going to the polls today will be asked: "Do you want Cannock Chase District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan Can Ledward at the Neighbourhood Plan and the Medical to the state of the planning and its state of the state of the

for Hednesford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"
If 50 per cent or more vote to accept the plan then the policies will become part of the Local

then the policies will become part of the Local Planning Policy Framework and will influence future development in the Hednesford area. Councillor Brian Gamble, chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group, said: "Preparing the Plan has involved a great deal of effort, and I should like to thank everyone who has taken part in the consultation process and contributed in any way, and I hope that as many electors as possible will make their feelings known in the referendum." Visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning





'IF it wasn't for Gwen I would not be here there were terrible things which happened and I'm still affected today'.

Burma War veteran Claude Pardoe, still haunted by the conflict, has praised his wife for her enduring support as the couple mark 70 years of marriage.

Private Pardoe fought the soldiers from the Empire of Japan for 18 months up until its defeat in Burma, spending up to six weeks at a time in ferce jungle warfare. So vivid are the 95-year-old's memories that he still wakes up 'fighting' in the middle of the night, only

for Gwen, 91, to calm him down and send him back to sleep.

He received a Burma Star, but said it has

been 'flung in a back of a cupboard'.

Speaking from their home in Cannock, he said: "Gwen has done everything for me, she has been my rock and helped me through so much." He added: "What I saw in Burma was terrible, terrible." On his return, he met

Gwen while working as a foreman at John Webb brass foundry in Hockley, Birmingham. It was a strange coincidence, she said, be-cause the pair had lived a door apart in the

Claude in the 1st Battalion North Staffs Regiment, Burma same road in Lozells growing up. Gwen, who was an assembler who had joined the company after serving in the Land Army, said: "I saw him walking down the steps and we said 'Hello' and walked home together.
"We then started walking to and from work

couple's wedding at St Silas' Church, Lozells

every day and became close. Then one day we decided to get married."

and Sylvia.

ROADS

Drivers warned on water supply work

SOUTH Staffs Water has started work on

an improvement programme in Bridgtown.
The project in New Street is due for completion in April with the ultimate aim of improved water quality and reliable water supply to customers. It will require temporary road closures to ensure the safety of the workforce and public but access will be maintained for residents and businesses.

Managing director Phil Newland said:
"With the busy Christmas shopping period
coming up, we have agreed to stop work
from December 24 to January 4, to reduce
the impact on the high street."

OPENING

New post office 'is a great asset'

HEDNESFORD Town Council has welcomed the opening of a new post office in the town today (Thursday). "it is becoming increasingly difficult for the public and especially the elderly

and vulnerable to conduct financial transactions face to face," Councillor Brian Gamble said. "I am sure that a new post office facility will be a great asset for the local community."

The new post office is at the convenience store at 50 Broadway.

HEALTH

Go to A&E 'only if you really have to'

PEOPLE have been urged not to attend A&E departments unless they absolutely have to as the true extent of the region's crisis in emergency care was revealed. In hospital A&E units across Stafford-shire and the Black Country over the last year, 156,967 patients waited for four hours or more to be dealt with, according to new figures from NHS England.

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decided to get married."
They married in Lozells and moved into their first home in Northfield and then to Cannock in 1962, where they still live.
They have four children – Glen, Jane, Sonia



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Racing legend boosts air ambulance



Jump legend Sir AP McCov

GUESTS can enjoy an evening with leading National Hunt jockey Sir AP McCoy for the Midlands Air Ambulance

The exclusive evening, which includes a three-course meal, takes place on November 23 at The Belfry.

McCoy dominated the jump racing

world for more than two decades, end ing his phenomenal career as Champion
Jockey for the 20th consecutive year,
and was awarded both the BBC's Sports
Personality of the Year in 2010 as well as Lifetime Achievement Award three

2011 Grand National. The evening will give guests a rare and personal insight into McCoy's incredible career as well as raise vital funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, which has to airlift a horse rider every four days.

Values

Each Midlands Air Ambulance Charity air ambulance mission costs $\pounds 2,500$, which is entirely funded through charitable donations

McCoy, said: "Midlands Air Ambu-lance Charity does a fantastic job sav-

community greatly values the work of the air ambulance, due to the dangers involved with the sport, which is why I'm delighted to support Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and the important work they do."

Tickets for the evening are available

from The Ticket Factory, just search 'AP McCoy'.

For more information and how you

and your business can help fund a mission, please contact Midlands Air Ambulance Charity on 0800 8 40 20 40, or visit www.midlandsairambulance.com

Police and post offices partnership fights crime

A PARTNERSHIP has been struck be-

A PARTINEMOTHER HAS DEED STUCK OC-tween posties and bobbies on the beat. Staffordshire Police has teamed up with the Post Office to help curb crime in the area, with plans in the pipeline for a force-wide roll-out.

It comes after officers from South

It comes after officers from South Staffs Neighbourhood Policing Team spent the past two months trialling the Adopt a Post Office scheme.

Sgt Kelly Wareing said: "Working locally with the post offices has been a huge success over the past couple of months, enabling us to maximise our engagement with all members of the company of the company of the said of the sai

gagement with all memoers of the com-munity in South Staffordshire.

"We have created a great partnership with our local post offices and will con-tinue to build on this unique enterprise." Both organisations want to work to-gether to improve relations within the community, increase engagement and become more accessible to residents.

Officers received positive feedback after holding drop-in surgeries at post office branches, which were promoted via social media, alerts, posters and

events.

They have also purchased police 'letter boxes' for residents to leave informa-

tion if unable to attend the sessions.

Staffordshire Police said it will roll out the initiative across the force, with more branches set to be enrolled in the nationwide scheme in the coming weeks.

JCB donation to disaster clear-up

JCB has announced the donation of equipment worth nearly £200,000 to the Indonesian island of Sulawesi following the earthquake and tsunami which has killed more than 1,400 people.

JCB chairman Lord Bamford said:

"The scale of this natural disaster has shocked people all over the world and JCB always tries to help wherever these catastrophes occur.

catastrophes occur.

"I hope our donation can speed up clear-up operations and help with subsequent redevelopment."

JCB has a history of helping countries affected by major natural disasters and has made equipment available to support relief and rebuilding efforts after earthquakes in Nepal, Chile, Pakistan and Haiti, and in the Philippines.

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Have a say on plan

RESIDENTS in Norton Canes are being invited to comment on a neighbourhood plan being produced by the parish council. Anyone who lives or works in the area is being urged to attend a drop-in launch event at Norton Canes Library on Saturday from 10am until 2pm.

Sold! Investors snap up revitalised business site

in Cannock has been sold to London-based investors in a multi-million-pound deal. Ribston UK Industrial Property Ltd

Partnership has acquired the Lake-side Business Park for an undisclosed sum from Black Country property investment and development company Goold Estates.

Adam Ramshaw, regional director at national property consultancy Lambert Smith Hampton (LSH), was instructed by Goold Estates to source an off-market purchaser

Goold Estates bought Lakeside Business Park, formerly known as Lakeside Plaza, in 2014 for £1.95 million and embarked on a refurbishment programme, attracting new occupiers to the estate, which has 84,129 sq ft of industrial, leisure and office space.

The 3.8-acre site, which is adiacent to the M6 Toll Road and the A5, is fully let.

Campaign

Occupiers of the 13 units include Electrium, Newlife, Euro Car Parts, Boing Zone, and the Silverblades Ice Rink.
Dominic Goold, managing director of Goold Estates, said: "Our intention when we acquired Lakeside Plaza was to tidy up the estate and let the units, as well as un-dertaking a proactive marketing campaign to fill the voids. On acquiring the property, it was at only 70 per cent capacity. It is now fully let with a healthy annual rental income of more than £300,000."

Adam Ramshaw, of LSH, said: "With so much investor demand in the sector it would have been easy to go down a tradi-tional sale route but on this occasion we vere able to maximise value for Goold Estates by engaging in an off-market dea

Estates by engaging in an oir-market deal with a reliable and proven buyer." Meanwhile, Goold has also sold four industrial units in Garden Street, Walsall. The units, with a total of 11,854 sq ft of space, have been acquired by Walsall-based Howard Butler Ltd.

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(20) Brigadier Simon Hutchings, left, and Jamie Secker in the Caterham CSR 260 A GUMBALL rally style charity drive across Europe has clocked up more than £140,000 for an Armed Forc-

Pals rally across Europe for charity

es charity.

Pals Jamie Secker and Brigadier Simon Hutchings jumped in a Caterham CSR 260 sports car for Rally for Heroes. The drive started

from London's Horse
Guards and the pair motored
3,000 miles in 10 days.
Jamie works for Briggs
Defence, the specialist division of the Cannock-based
engineering services firm,
which was a team and main
event smooth of this year's event sponsor of this year's event in aid of SSAFA.

The pals on the rally in the white car







Amazon ups its minimum wage for depot staff

AMAZON is increasing its minimum wage to £10.50 for the London area and £9.50 for the rest of the UK for all full-time, part-time, temporary and seasonal employees.

It takes effect from November 1 and will benefit more than 17,000 permanent Amazon employees and more than 20,000 seasonal employees who will be hired at sites across the country, including its fulfilment centre at Rugeley, for the festive season.

"We're excited to announce Amazon is raising our minimum wage for zon is raising our minimum wage for all full-time, part-time, seasonal, and temporary UK employees," said Doug Gurr, Amazon vice-president and UK country manager. In response, the GMB union, which represents Amazon workers, urged the business to also do something to improve what it claims are 'horrerduus' working conclaims are 'horrendous' working conditions for staff in its warehouses

Tim Roache, GMB general secretary, said: "Now they're paying the living wage, maybe Amazon could do something to improve the horrendous working conditions people endure.

"GMB are ready and willing to help sort that out, but they won't let a trade union through their doors, so this isn't 'job done' by any stretch." Amazon said employees will con-

tinue to receive its industry-leading benefits, including private medical insurance, life assurance, income protection, and a company pension plan.

Council in 'save time' campaign

LICHFIELD District Council has launched a 'Save time, get online' campaign to get more people to interact with the authority via the inter-

Cabinet member Councillor Liz Little said: "In our 24-hour society, and as more of us pay our bills and interact with service providers online, we wanted to offer quick and simple ways for our residents to do more on our website. The digital services web page takes you through to a number of forms that are easy to fill in that will save you time."

The service helps residents to report a missed bin, book a bulky waste collection, sign up to pay council tax by direct debit and request paperless council tax and business rates bills.

Bargains on stalls

A TABLE top fair is to be held at St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock, on Saturda from 10am to 1pm. Admission is free. Twenty eight stalls will offer a variety of items including jewellery, toys, and children's clothes.

Individual actions can affect climate

THIS week a report was released by the United Nations body known as IPCC which underlines the

urgency of the climate emergency.

It states we have 12 years to avoid catastrophic climate breakdown and requires 'rapid, far-reach-ing and unprecedented changes in all aspects of so-ciety'. When this feels almost too large to even get our heads round here are some things people can do:

HOME ENERGY: Switch to a renewable energy-only provider wherever possible. Consider installing your own solar panels before April, when government incentives will end and the costs will ncrease for most people.
INSULATE HOMES: The cheapest energy is the

energy we don't use, and relatively simple measures

In his latest Green Living column, PAUL WOODHEAD looks at how we are heading for a climate catastrophe

such as insulating lofts and draft-proofing doors and windows on a large scale would see a big drop in

windows on a large scale would see a big drop in energy consumption.

TRANSPORT: Walk or cycle where possible and if not – it is available – use public transport. If you need to go by car, consider an electric one.

REDUCE, RECYCLE, REUSE: Buy fewer things and consume less. Re-use things before considering recycling and then recycle if possible. Choose wisely as there are many low carbon portions in everything as there are many low carbon options in everything you consume, from clothes to food to energy

EAT LESS MEAT AND DAIRY: According to a report earlier this year, avoiding meat and dairy products is the single biggest way to reduce your environmental impact on the planet.

VOTE: There is still a chance to create a sustainal vOTE: There is still a chance to create a sustainable, cleaner and more equal global system. Individuals can hold politicians to account by supporting political parties that put the environment at the heart of their economic and industrial policies.

COLLECTIVE ACTION: Although individual believes are invented to

choices are important, experts say people need to unite if the scale of this challenge is to be met. \bullet If you have your own tips for sustainable living please get in touch and we will share them in a fu-

One in three wait more than four hours at A&E

ALMOST one in three emergency patients waited four hours or more to be seen at Staffordshire's two

A&E departments in the past year. It means the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust is not meet-

North Midlands NHS Trust is not meeting government-set targets.

The trust is the eighth worst trust for A&E waiting times out of 139 in the county, according to the 2017-18 figures from NHS England.

They show that out of 169,922 patients who entered the A&E departments at County Hospital in Stafford and Royal Stoke University Hospital, 53,923 had to wait more than four hours. The proportion of people seen within four hours is 68.3 per cent but it falls well short of the 95 per cent target, introduced by the NHS in 2010.

Dr Chris Moulton, vice-president of the

the NHS in 2010.

Dr Chris Moulton, vice-president of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, said the figures showed that the pressure on A&E departments had 'spiralled out of control'.

"If you keep stretching an elastic band, eventually it will snap," he said.

Target

"You don't ask 'Why did the elastic band nap?' – it snapped because you stretched it." Other NHS trusts in the Black Country also

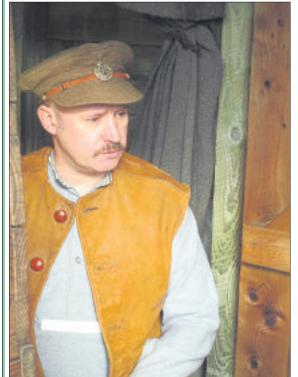
Other NHS trusts in the Black Country also performed badly against the target. University Hospital North Midlands Trust, which runs Stafford Hospital, fell 27 per cent below the target, with 53,923 people waiting for four hours or more.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust fell 25 per cent below the target, with more than 20,000 people waiting for four hours or more.

Dudley Group NHS Trust was 18 per cent out, Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust was 16 per cent short and the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust fell 11 per cent under the benchmark.

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In England last year 88 per cent of patients spent less than four hours in A&E.
University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS
Trust chief executive Paula Clark said: "We are already working towards winter 2018-19 by increasing the number of hospital beds, including the £8.8 million construction of two new wards.



Craig Moseley in the trench at the Staffordshire Regiment Museum, playing the part of local pitman and tunneller Harry Gaskin

Wartime tunnel tale is revived

IN 2016, local drama group Tower Players staged The Tunnellers, the story of the Staffordshire pitmen who tunnelled under No Man's Land to destroy the German trenches.

Written by Hednesford writer Tom Allsopp, the play received considerable critical acclaim and, as a result the group made a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to create a touring exhibition about those incredibly brave men

The exhibition tells their story with displays, a video presentation and a live per-formance at each venue.

And a new book by Dennis Jackson and Paul Bedford telling the story in greater detail will be on sale.

The exhibition will be at the Museum of Cannock Chase from October 22 until December 14. Admission is

The live performance will take place on Saturday, October 27 at 1.30 p.m.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Artist's exhibition has wildlife theme

A HEDNESFORD artist who specialises in animal and people portraits is having an exhibition at the Museum of Cannock Chase.

Jade Mawson's The Art of Conservation will run at the museum in Valley Road, Hednesford, from January 7

She will be donating some of the proceeds from the sale of original works and prints in the exhibition to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. The theme is wildlife around the world with an emphasis on conservation.

The museum is open Monday to Friday, 11am to 4pm, with the last entry at 3.30pm, Call 01543 877666.

Arboretum service to mark centenarv

THE National Memorial Arboretum is to host an outdoor service of remembrance at the base of the Armed Forces Memorial on November 11.

It will mark 100 years since the signing of the Armistice, which signalled the end of the First World War, and remember those who have served and sacrificed over the past 100 years

The memorial is designed so that on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, when a two-minute silence is called, a shaft of sunlight dis-sects its inner and outer walls, hitting the central bronze wreath sculpture

Scheme looks for the Future Faces

YOUNG business professionals are being offered a free year's member-hip to a Future Faces scheme. Lichfield District Council and Tam-

worth Borough Council have linked up with Greater Birmingham Cham-bers of Commerce's young profes-sional division to sponsor 12 places across the two authorities.

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The free places are aimed at young professionals in local businesses, offering the chance to network, develop and be recognised for their talent. Future Faces is a multi-sector programme aimed at developing leaders.

Farm to put on another **Pumpkin Patch festival**

CANALSIDE Farm in Great Haywood is holding a pumpkin festival this

month.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open on October 20 and 21 and in the half-

term holiday from October 27 to 31.

Farm owner Chris Barton said: "We were delighted by the reaction we had whet dengines by the reaction we had last year, especially as it was our first ever pumpkin crop, so we have planted twice as many this year." Call 01889 881747 for further details.





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House prices rise by 4pc in region

HOUSE prices in the West Midlands

HOUSE prices in the West Midlands have grown by more than four per cent to an average of £190,607 over the last quarter, new figures state.

Across the UK, property prices edged up by 0.3 per cent month on month in September to reach £214,922 on average. Yorkshire and Humberside were identified as the top-performing region for the first time in more than a decade, Nationwide Building Society reported.

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The North East of England saw a 1.7 per cent decrease in house prices. Some parts of southern England, including London, also saw house prices fall annually in the third quarter.

Area in top five on loans for home

THE West Midlands was the region with the fifth most completed Help to Buy equity loan property purchases in England, a study by housing experts Fasthomes shows.

It looked at which areas of the

It looked at which areas of the county have had the most and fewest completed purchases from data held by The Ministry of Housing.

Nationally 169,102 completed Help to Buy equity loan purchases had been made since the Government scheme launched in 2013. The value of those proporties in put of 42,9 2 billions.

properties is put at £42.2 billion.
The West Midlands had 18,606 with the county accounting for 7,074 and Staffordshire 3,737.

Businesses lose out to fraudsters

SIX in 10 small and medium-sized business lost money through fraud between July 2017 and June this year, figures show.

At a fraud and cyber security event held in Birmingham, Lloyds Banking Group specialists said 58 per cent of small and medium-sized businesses had been targeted by fraudsters using the information and personal data of suppliers, bosses or business contacts.

They were caught out to the tune of £27,000 on average each time.

400 flights cancelled – but passengers rise

BUDGET airline Ryanair has said it cancelled 400 flights in September as a result of two days of pilot and cabin crew strikes across five countries, on top of air traffic control staff shortag-

However, it still saw a six per cent rise in passenger numbers to 12.6 mil-lion last month, while its load factor, measuring how well it filled its planes, remained at 97 per cent.

COUNTY NEWS Leader: We have no choice over this Flu jab now

BUDGET cuts planned for next year will have a 'significant and lasting impact on our communities' but the county has no alternative financial option, the council leader says.

Councillor Philip Atkins acknowledged the concerns raised by fellow Tory councillor Jonathan Price, who called in the draft budget presented to the cabinet last month over cuts to the members fund and voluntary com-

munity and social enterprise contract. But he said the council was faced with a 'harsh financial reality' in the light of a £35 million shortfall in its budget.

The Staffordshire County Council leader argued that the authority had cut £240 million from its running costs over the past nine years while keeping unemployment at a record low and having one of the lowest county council taxes in the country.

But he admitted that the cuts were 'undermining' some of the council's good work in the voluntary and community sector for which they had pro-vided funding for many years.

However, the pressures of providing care for the elderly and the rising number of looked-after children were taking their toll.

He said: "In agreeing the draft budget, cabinet recognised the deci-

communities, and reduce the size and capacity of the council, undermining some of the good work we have done.

"But we are spending a record amount on social care for a growing ageing population as national funding

"We have extremely difficult decisions to make."

Tories question their own budget proposals

By Richard Guttridge

CONSERVATIVE members of Staffordshire County Council are questioning their group's own budget plans.

The proposals aim to save £35 million while increasing council tax and having libraries taken over by volunteers.

over by volunteers.

A band of 14 Tory councillors have taken the unprecedented step of calling in the draft budget set by their own leadership – but insist it is not a rebellion. Councillor Jonathan Price, who is leading the move, said he wanted assurances that cuts to voluntary funding mental the representations. ing would be reversed as soon as more money became available.

The council has announced it will

have to make drastic savings if it is to balance the books, and has blamed the Government for a substantial drop in funding. Council tax is expected to rise by nearly three per cent from April.

Uncomfortable

And voluntary groups have been invited to take over libraries, including those in Cheslyn Hay, Eccleshall and Penkridge.
Councillor Price acknowledged cuts

were 'necessary' but said fellow To-ries were uncomfortable with plans to slash £600,000 in funding from the voluntary and community sector.

He stressed the move was not a precursor to any sort of coup and that leader Philip Atkins retained his full

support.

The move to call in part of the budget proposals means they will now be scrutinised by top councillors.

Theoretically, if the band of 14 don't get the assurances they want the budget could be voted down with the support of the proposition group, when support of the opposition group when it goes before the full council in February – an outcome that could spark a crisis at county HQ.

Company's generous package for school



Pupils at Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School use Advanta's aluminum trays in food technology classes

A CANNOCK packaging manufacturer has donated aluminium trays to Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School for use in food technology classes.

The donation by Advanta of Walkmill Lane has been welcomed by the school, which serves 1,300 pupils from Cheslyn Hay, Essington and Featherstone. Advanta's donation of three pallets of the trays has enabled the school to enhance its food technology classes, which are sent of the part of the pa part of the art, design and technology department.

Food technology classes are available to students at key stage three and GCSE level, should a student decide to pursue the more advanced subject of food and nutri-

tion. "Food technology is not just a way for students to learn to whip up a quick meal," the firm's export sales manager Miguel Campos said.

"Some of today's students will grow up to play pivotal roles in the industry, with some taking roles as one of the 400,000 people employed by the sector, which contributes a huge £28.2 billion to Britain's economy."

Advanta manages the global distribution and manufacture of its aluminium foil packaging from its head-quarters in Cannock, from where the company serves 400 customers in more than 20 countries, while employing 140 members of staff.

available for thousands of children

THOUSANDS of primary-age school-children in Staffordshire will soon be benefitting from their annual flu vaccination ahead of the winter season.

Pregnant women, parents of children aged two and three and adults with underlying health conditions are also being encouraged to take up the offer of a free vaccination. The free flu vaccines are being offered to groups who are at particular risk of the virus.

Children aged tow and three will receive the vaccine through their GP,

receive the vaccine through their GP, while children in reception and Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will receive it in school. Parents who have a child of the eligible age are being asked to ensure they sign the consent form allowing them to have the vaccine at school.

Thousands of families are expected to take up the effect of a free vacci.

to take up the offer of a free vacci-nation, which for pupils in primary schools comes as a nasal spray.

schools comes as a hasal spray.

Dr Mo Huda, a Staffordshire GP, said: "I've had the jab because I don't want to risk getting flu or passing it on to patients. I would rather help keep them healthy than risk making them seriously unwell. "Immunisation against flu is effec-

tive, and any side-effects are negligible compared to the impact of flu.

"It is a must for anyone in the vul-

nerable groups and the best way to stay protected," Dr Huda added. "Please remember that flu is caused by a virus, and antibiotics are ineffec-tive against it. Prevention is best." Dr Huda features in a number of

YouTube videos about flu immunisa tion, each aimed at specific groups.

For more information on the free

vaccine, speak to your local school or GP, or visit www.nhs.uk/fluvaccine

Final M6 bridge work is delayed

WORK to remove the final pieces of a bridge on the M6 has been delayed.

The remains of the Creswell Home Farm bridge were due to be removed at the weekend weekend but it is now set to take place this Saturday in

The motorway will be closed be-tween junctions 14 and 15 in both directions from 8pm until 8am to allow the demolition work to go ahead.

It follows the removal of one 800ton, 250ft-long section of the bridge north of Stafford on September 22.

The operation took 11 hours, during which the motorway was shut for the whole time.

The bridge was no longer used and was too narrow for the smart motorway which is being constructed and will have an extra lane.

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Planet Ice qualifies as a learning destination

PLANET Ice Cannock has officially become a learning destination through its connection with the Children's University.

Children visiting the rink in Walk-mill Lane, Cannock, collect credits in a passport that lead to them receiv-ing certificates and participating in a graduation ceremony.

graduation ceremony.
Youngsters are allowed to collect credits only from validated learning destinations, and there must be an element of learning included in the chosen activity.

Planet Ice Cannock offers a number of different lessons such as a Skate Excellence learn to skate course and Hockey Excellence lessons, both of which run in six-week blocks.

If a child is unsure whether ice skating is for them, there is also a pay-as-you-go option so they can give it a try while still gaining credits.

Duty manager Lucy Dolman said:
"We are very pleased we have joined
the Children's University, and we are
extremely honoured to be assisting
with the learning and development of
the children in our community. the children in our community."

The Children's University is a na-

tional charity which encourages chil-dren to try new activities and rewards them for their extra-curricular learn-

Anyone who would like more information can visit www.planet-ice.co.uk or email cannock@planet-ice.co.uk

Staff and pupils in cuppa fundraiser

STUDENTS and staff at Wolgarston High School in Penkridge took part in its annual MacMillan coffee morning fundraiser event.

A selection of homemade and storebought Fairtrade cupcakes and cookies were available from pop-up shops in the library and sixth form centre.

"It is brilliant to be part of this event and as always we could not done it without the help of Mrs Beach and her Year 9 students," learning resources centre administrator Sarah Roberts said.

"The amount of support we received was amazing – in total we sold over 250 cakes and cookies – and for the first time this year we held our own Wolgarston Bake Off, which was brilliant." The event raised £280.

Rest for ramblers

CHASE Ramblers are away in Harrogate this weekend, so there will be no local walk on Sunday. "We'll be back to normal next week, when new walkers will be welcome," group spokes-man John Adkins said.

Sky's the limit as artists set for TV debut



Carl Knibb

for an esteemed painting title in front of mil-lions of TV viewers this month.

Wolverhampton-based Jain McKay and Carl Knibb, from Lichfield, have won places on the TV series Landscape Artist of the Year, formerly hosted by Black Country comic Frank Skinner.

The 61-year-old presenter, who fronted three series of the programme and four of Portrait Artist of the Year, has stood down.

He will be replaced by actor and art lover Stephen Mangan, with Dame Joan Bakewell

also returning as co-host The new Landscape Artist series is sched48-year-old Carl Knibb featuring in the first heat alongside seven others, all challenged to paint Fountains Abbey in Ripon, Yorkshire.

Jain, 51, appears in the fifth heat on November 13 when she and fellow contestants will be seen at Viking Bay in Broadstairs. Successful artists will go through to the semi-final at Felixstowe Docks, which airs on November 27. Three artists will then be chosen to account in the final in Greenwich.

chosen to compete in the final in Greenwich Park, which will be screened on December 4. Judges Kate Bryan, Kathleen Soriano and Tai Shan Schierenberg will return for

both series. The Landscape Artist of The

rear, launched in 2013, boasts the titles of all time' and second-biggest series ever for Sky Arts, with viewing figures growing over the years. Almost 1,600 entries were received for the 2018 competition, which were whittled down to 48 artists to compete in the six heats.

Each heat was open to a further 50 wild-card artists who were invited to battle it out for a potential place in the semi-final. The winner of the series will receive a com-

mission from the Imperial War Museum to create an artwork to tie in with the centenary of the 1918 Armistice. The finished artwork will be unveiled at the museum

Firm wins island waste system deal

NEWS IN BRIEF

A BURNTWOOD company has supplied a waste incineration system to the Ascension Island.

Addfield Environmental Systems Addield Environmental Systems Ltd based at Burntwood Business Park won the contract having built a reputation over the past 35 years for providing equipment for several in-dustries including specialist machines to deal with agricultural, medical and municipal waste.

The 50-ton system now installed at the remote location in the Atlantic Ocean is capable of processing four tons of waste every day. It is designed to process all waste the 800 islanders put into it.

Pensioner murder trial date is set

A DATE has been set for the trial of a man charged with murdering Little Aston pensioner Arthur Gumbley.

Jason Wayne Wilsher, aged 19, o Bagworth, Leicestershire, appeared at Stafford Crown Court on Friday.

He is charged with the murder of 87-year-old Mr Gumbley in Little Aston on December 12, 2017.

A plea and trial preparation hearing is to take place on October 25 at Birmingham Crown Court, and the trial at Stafford Crown Court is listed for the week commencing March 4. Wilsher has been remanded in custody

Town crier set to relaunch city pub

A REOPENING ceremony will take

A REOPENING ceremony will take place at a Lichfield pub on Saturday following a refurbishment.

Now owned by Craft Union Brewery, the George IV will be reopened by the town crier at 1pm. Local band Rehab are performing from 9.30pm.

New licensee Tracte Brooks is looking forward to welcoming customers.

ing forward to welcoming customers old and new, and is also looking for people to join the pub's pool, darts and cards teams.

The George IV will be open 10am to midnight, and an hour later on Fri-days and Saturdays.

Veterans welcome to ioin coffee morning

ARMED forces veterans can enjoy cake and company at a coffee morning in Cannock on Saturday.

Blackford Sea Scouts will be hosting the event in Fallow Road in the hope of making it a regular event every six weeks if they generate enough interest. Veterans have been invited to enjoy food and refreshments from 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Donations will be collected to be used to fund the next coffee morning.

10-year jail sentence for thefts from pensioners

A MAN has been jailed for his part in a series of distraction burglaries in Staffordshire and Wales, in which vulnerable pensioners were targeted and almost £20,000 stolen.

Edward Delaney, a member of a gang using a stolen car to get around, was jailed for 10 years for his part in the conspiracy to commit 10 distraction burglaries.



Straction burgiaries.

The men's crimes included tricking their way into an 83-year-old's house in Great Wyrley and stealing £10,000 from a set of drawers after claiming they were from the water board.

Stoke-on-Trent Crown Stoke-on-Trent Crown

Court heard that there were 10 incidents in total.

Edward Delaney The men were travelling from the north Wales and Birmingham areas to commit the crimes, using a black VW Golf on a cloned plate, which had been stolen from an address in Flintshire.

The crime spree began with the raid in Great Wyrley and was followed by one in Meir and one in Trent Vale, Stoke-on-Trent. In the first offence in Meir a man tricked his way into an 87-year-old woman's house saying there were problems with the water at a nearby premises. Two other men were discovered in the house

Two other men were discovered in the house and £5,000 was stolen. On the same day in Trent Vale a 92-year-old man refused entry to a man claiming to be from the water board.

On April 10 the men struck seven times, targeting four properties in Meir, Stoke-on-Trent – at one address £1,500 was stolen from an 87-year-old woman. They also tricked their way into a 91-year-old man's house in Sandford Hill, Stoke-on-Trent, and took £700 of his springer and a peaker of Panguin bigmits. An savings and a packet of Penguin biscuits. An-other address was targeted in Sandford Hill but nothing was stolen.

nothing was stolen.

Finally, one man entered a house in Wrexham and kept the 95-year-old victim occupied while between £1,000 and £2,000 was stolen by an accomplice. Delaney, 41, of Hilton, Cheshire, had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing.

Royal tales boost charity funds



From left, Trish Mellor of Cannock Friends, speaker Colin Tebbutt and Janette Arrowsmith, Cannock Friends

MORE than 80 people attended Cannock Friends of St Giles' lat-est speaker evening, held at Broc-ton Hall Golf Club.

On this occasion their speaker was Colin Tebbutt MVO [Member of the Royal Victorian Order].

He worked as a protection of-ficer for several members of the

Royal Family for 40 years and now gives talks about some of those times to benefit charities around the country

Mr Tebbutt left school at 15 and joined the Royal Marines. From there he became a police officer and was chosen to be a Royal Pro-tection Officer, initially working

with Princess Alexandra, spending seven years with Princess Anne and working for two years with Diana, Princess of Wales.

A raffle held on the night raised £1,155 for St Giles – funds which will be used to enable the hospice to continue its work at its in-bed units and within the community

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Chronicle Thursday,

Real life? Send them to join the destitute

AS clichés go, it ticks most of the boxes. Millionaire's son from Fulham goes to live in council house with single mother on

The television series Rich Kids Go Skint is back, and this time obscenely rich Patrick Cathcart spends three days living with unemployed Katrina in Salford. He is quick to reveal he has never heard of Salford, and describes his surroundings in the way you might expect a war correspondent to notray the sights on correspondent to portray the sights on the battlefield.

It's a great hoot: Patrick has a 10 grand It's a great noot: Patrick has a 10 grand Rolex, Katrina has a £3 watch. Katrina spends £30 a week on food, to which Patrick observes 'that's a carpaccio starter'. We all know the message, and it's hardly subtle: a nation divided between the haves and have-nots; the ridiculously privileged and those leading a hand-to-

mouth existence.

But look at this from another angle. Patrick's watch may be more expensive than Katrina's, but they both tell the time. Patrick might blow a fortune in fancy res-

taurants while Katrina lives off chicken kievs, but they both have food. If they really wanted to highlight the gap between the rich and the poor, maybe the producers should have been a bit braver. Such as sending Katrina to spend three days with the destitute in one of the world's poorest countries. Or maybe living with those affected by the Indonesian earthquake. It probably wouldn't be as much fun as laughing at rich toffs like Patrick, and maybe it wouldn't give us that feelgood sense of indignation and entitlement. But a few days swatting off mosquitoes at the standpipe, or waiting for the aid truck to deliver food rations would perhaps make people realise that Britain really isn't so bad after all.

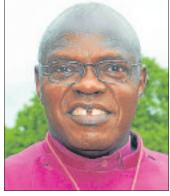
STUDENTS at Manchester University

STUDENTS at Manchester University have been asked to refrain from clapping at students' union meetings, and rather to give a 'jazz hands' gesture instead. Apparently, it stems from concern that some of the sensitive things feel anxious when they hear applause, and it causes them distress. Anxious at the sound of applause? These guys want to get themselves down Villa Park, they'd love it.

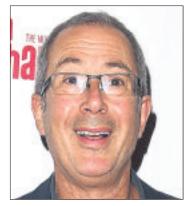
That said, I remember once feeling slightly anxious after a cup defeat when I was shoulder-charged out the way by a man who wanted to give jazz hands to then-manager Paul Lambert. At least I think it was jazz hands.

TRULY offal news in Devon, where a lorry driver shed his load of two tons of animal intestines.

Outrage over information stall for new students



Maybe the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu can give a plausible explanation



Ben Elton masterpiece brings poignant TV moments that will be remembered



The immaculately coiffed Katya Adler doesn't look like your usual TV hack

Sex talk: We know where this can lead

THERE was outrage at the University of Brighton where something called The Sex Workers' Out-reach Project set up a stall at an event for new students, offering information and condoms. A university spokesman insists: "We would like to make it clear that the university does not promote sex work as an option to students." If they did, it would presumably lead to a B.Ed.

IT is almost 30 years since writers Ben Elton and Richard Curtis turned the final moments of Blackadder Goes Forth (BBC1) from cynical comedy to pure pathos. Unexpectedly, the four main characters went over the top from their trench, to be wiped out by machine-gun fire. The screen turned into a field of Flanders poppies. That moment left millions of viewers astonished and deeply moved. Comedy is not supposed to behave like this. And then this week on Upstart Crow (BBC2) Ben Elton did it again. The clever silliness of William Shakespeare's private life suddenly turned to real history. Will (David Mitchell) arrives home in August IT is almost 30 years since writers Ben Elton tory. Will (David Mitchell) arrives home in August 1596 to find his beloved only son, 11-year-old Hamnet, has died of the plague. The laughter stops. As long as people talk about television, those few poignant moments will be remembered. A total masterpiece.

COUNTRYFILE (BBC1) introduced us to an 11-year-old boy dying of a form of premature Alzheimer's disease. He is already losing memories and will soon go blind and be fed through a tube. On the day this nightmare was revealed, it was announced that the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, will retire in June 2020. This gives his successor two years to dream up a plausible explanation of why a loving God allows little children to suffer like this. lows little children to suffer like this.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



an Organisation for Nuclear Research, after he gave a presentation using a slide which said: "Physics was invented and built by men". These words have been denounced as "highly offensive" We are told that the scientific community is "in shock." Outrage is clearly the order of the day. And yet I have a suspicion that, if a female scientist had declared "Physics was invented and built by women," she would have been praised for her brave, forthright and revolutionary thinking and given a standing ovation. We live in strange times. live in strange times. LAMBETH Council stands accused of rac

ism towards some employees. In response, the council says it is starting "diversity awareness and unconscious bias training." I wonder what happens if you fall asleep during the unconscious bias lesson.

UNLESS you have experienced an earth-quake (and I haven't) you can't begin to under-stand the terror it creates. Even if you escape unharmed you can be traumatised for life by so-called infrasound, the low-frequency sounds generated by a tremor which are perfectly pitched to cause feelings of awe, fear and panic in humans. In the case of the Indonesian tsunami and earthquake, Mother Nature unleashed another of her horrors – liquefaction. This is the combination of soil type and rapid vibration that turns solid ground into liquid beneath your feet. Buildings, vehicles, roads and people simply sink into the earth. All your worst nightmares come true at the same moment and no TV or ra-dio dispatch can capture what the local people have suffered. As the appeals for cash begin, give what you wish but give thanks you don't live in an earthquake zone.

SOON after the Boxing Day Tsunami of 2004 I was sent to a small island in the Maldives which for a few terrible moments had vanished under the ocean. Although the villagers could explain what they had seen, they could barely believe it themselves. A woman showed me the tide mark left by the tsunami in the room where she had been sitting. The water came in, rose al-most to the ceiling and then sank away in a few seconds. When the tsunami had passed, three children of the village were drowned, some houses were wrecked and the village wells, nouses were wrecked and the village wells, used for hundreds of years, were ruined by salt water. There was nothing we hacks could do except tell the world what had happened. But I do recall a sense of pride at seeing people rehomed in sturdy white tents bearing the UN logo. Those tents seemed to say that, even on this tiny speck of land in the middle of nowhere, the world cared.

SHE really is in a class of her own. Katya Adler doesn't look like your usual TV hack. She has the bearing of a diplomat and appears on our screens immaculately coiffed and made-up, as though she's just sitting in front of the camera before heading off to an embassy party. I can never see Katya without imagining her gradient by the control of the camera to the camera ciously picking one chocolate from a vast tray of Ferrero Rocher. Ambassador, you're really spoiling us

TALKING POINT

Questions but I just don't get an answer

WE live in an era of reliable, instant com-munication. Or do we? Despite being able to exchange news, views and ide-as in a matter of seconds, there are still as in a matter of seconds, there are still pockets of resistance to the idea of actually responding to that beep or vibration which signals that someone is trying to get in touch.

A perfect example was an inquiry I made to a music venue recently regard-

ing the time the act was on stage.

The timing was important as the plan was to watch the band either before or

was to watch the bailty either before or after a meal at a nearby restaurant. So, thinking that three days would give the venue enough time to reply, I went to their website and in the box inviting inquiries and/or comments asked what time the entertainment began.

Then I waited, and waited and waited.
Still no reply. On the morning of the concert, I went back to the website to get a phone number. Not wishing to be stung for the cost of a call or text to a mobile number, I opted for the landline.

It rang out for some considerable time

before a recorded message cut in and said my call couldn't be connected and, no, I could not leave a message.

no, I could not leave a message.

Surely a text to the mobile number would bring a response? No way.

There was only one thing for it. Turn up at the venue, in person, and take pot luck. It turned out the band was starting two hours after the advertised time but the website had not been updated. Furtherware, no and had been available to more more, no-one had been available to monitor any messages or answer the phone. In this case, everything turned out OK

but so often there is no urgency in actually making contact, with some organisations seemingly happy to ignore the issue.

Having endured a problem late at night on a multi-storey car park, I emailed the operator and explained in detail how dis-tressing the episode was. A few days later, I got a reply saying my complaint was being investigated. That was in July. I still haven't heard anything.

Some organisations are prompt in replying, even if they merely send out an ac-knowledgment that it has been received, although the automated 'Do not reply to this email' messages are infuriating. On the whole though, the policy seems to keep everyone in the dark and hope

they give up trying, unless to ignore an email or call would cost money or lead to adverse publicity.

My message to these people is, the technology is there to make our lives easier, so don't be surprised if and when you suffer a backlash. We're trying to commu-

nicate. Why aren't you? STEVE PARLETT

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Councillor Susan Woodward of Staffordshire County Council, Charmaine Sweeney of Cameron Homes and David Henn of Burntwood Rotary Club on a visit to inspect the new-look play area at Holly Grove Primary School

BREAK times are more fun now at a Burntwood school following a playground renovation.

House builder Cameron Homes, which has its head office in Chasetown, has carried out work to improve the play area for the early years children at Holly Grove Primary School in Chase Terrace.

Assistant headteacher Sue Barnes said: "The wooded sensory garden was overgrown, the sand pit was far too

BREAK times are more fun now at a Burntwood school small for the number of children we have here, and their

small for the number of children we have here, and when mud pit was just a hollow in the ground." School governor David Henn asked Burntwood Rotary Club, of which he is a member, to take on the sensory gar-den project and then Cameron Homes stepped in to com-

plete the renovation.

Baljit Johal, marketing executive at Cameron Homes, said that the firm was happy to help out.

Plea for library volunt

AN appeal has been launched shire County Council in an attempt to for volunteers to run libraries threatened with closure.

Applications are open for groups and organisations to take on the day-to-day running and manage-ment of libraries in Penkridge, Cheslyn Hay, Eccleshall and oth-

It comes as part of a cost-cutting exercise being carried out by Stafford-

save £1.3million.
Councillor Gill Heath, the council's

cabinet member for communities, said:
"The way in which libraries are used by the public has changed dramatically in the last decade, and we are working hard to keep all our libraries relevant to their communities

It's clear to us that all the successful community groups have in common an enthusiasm and an energy, which is

supported by strong management and an understanding of what's needed

Of Staffordshire's 43 libraries, 20 are already managed by community groups, with two more currently going through the process.

The application process runs until Monday, November 26. More information about the scheme

is available at www.staffordshire.gov uk/communitylibraries







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very misinformed about the EU.

for a few rich countries. In fact, one of the main reasons we are leaving is because the EU opened its doors to poor people in Eastern Europe. Our reaction has been to turn our backs on them. The EU also has very fa-

vourable trade agreements (EPAs) with many third world countries and it is not governed by unelected commissioners. Important decisions are made by na-

tectsions are liade by flational governments via the Council of Ministers.

Finally, we were asked if we wanted to join – in 1975 when 67 per cent (over 17 million) said yes. million) said yes.

CARL SHOLL

Burntwood

We turned Support is crucial to providing services Here's food Increased traffic would

OUR back on UK's largest children's hospice is the uK's largest children's hospice charity, supporting children and families across the Black Country and West Midlands.

JUDGING by recent letters, some Chronicle readers are see well. For each of the current of

as well. For all of us, the support we the funds needed every year.

Acorns is one of the more than 100 full work we do.

is crucial for us to continue providing lospices taking part in Hospiec Caparour specialist services. Without you, we Week (October 8-14). This national

Volunteers are our LETTERS TO THE EDITOR magic ingredient

THIS month we are celebrating Silver Sunday, an annual occasion that recognises and celebrates the contribution of

older generations to their local communities.
With more than a third of people over 75 admitting that they feel lonely, I'd like to tell your readers how volunteer-

ing can be a great way to combat isolation.

I work for Revitalise, an amazing national charity that provides respite holidays for disabled people and carers. Our volunteers are our magic ingredient – helping to create the lively and welcoming atmosphere that so many of our guests have come to know and love. For details about heavening a volunteer is the second of becoming a volunteer visit www.revitalise.org.uk

STEPHANIE STONE

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on tariffs

MARK Ellse states that post-Brexit, we will be able to buy cheaper food from third world countries be-cause of the tariffs imposed by the EU (September 27).

He seems to be unaware that the EU has unilaterally declared that there are no tariffs on food from develop-ing nations. Does he think that the UK government

will have a negative tariff?
This also calls into question his earlier statement that 'it maintains a trade

that it maintains a trade border around Europe'. How is this possible if the son tariffs on food from certain countries? He also ignores the inconvenient fact that the EU has negotiated around 40 trade agreements with other nations or ments with other nations or

Norton Canes

for thought outweigh the benefits

SURELY the increased traffic ferrying waste to and from the proposed planned site of the Anaerobic Digester adjacent the STW plant along the A51, with the increased air

pollution, would outweigh benefit of the energy produced.

Also the added odour omitted from the plant as debated at the Town Council would affect those only on the immediate boundary border of Bower Lane at the mercy of prevailing winds.

D GAYE

Etching Hill councillor

No blue plaque for me

IT struck me that the issuing of blue plaques is innocuous. People after all have to be born somewhere, or indeed work somewhere. When I become famous, please do not bother the landlady at a B&B that I stayed in recently – and leave my home and allotment shed alone.

HENRY MAJ

Restore the bus services first

INSTEAD of wasting money to roll out the West Midlands Swift Card scheme, time and money should be focused on restoring bus services cut back last April. It's pointless having a new payment system if it can't be used.

L MURPHY

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Chase Terrace Ladies

AT the September meeting at Sankey's Corner Library, the ladies enjoyed a talk from Ned Williams entitled "Palaces for the People – the story of Prefabs". Ned talked about the "tin

houses" that were built with wooden frames and used corrugated iron for the walls. He showed a picture walls. He showed a picture postcard of a prefab. There are still a few examples around. They had a fridge and a fitted kitchen and even a flushing toilet.

The ladies talked about

The ladies talked about their experiences of prefabs. One lady spent two weeks on holiday in a prefab and really enjoyed it whereas another said that her father had thought the homes were cold in winter and too hot in the summer. Many of the prefabs were often found in rather remote places. rather remote places.

The life expectancy of the prefabs was 10 years although many of them did

last much longer.

Some families purchased their prefabs and adapted them to make them their own. However, a number of councils decided to knock down these howes to make down these homes to make down these homes to make way for new housing estates. Some examples of prefabs still around are the "tin tabernacle" churches. One still remains in Rushall. The committee reported at the meeting that £55.15 was raised from a bring and buy at the last meeting.

Historian Glub breaks ground on prefabs at new retail outlet



President David Gardiner, Lee Richardson and Rotarian Bill Humphries

THE Rotary club of Cannock were privileged to be asked to attend the breaking of Rotary Club of Cannock the ground for the first phase of the new designer outlet at Cannock. The pioneer of designer outlet shopping

in Europe, McArthurGlen, who opened its first centre near Manchester in 1995 and have a portfolio comprising 24 centres in nine countries across Europe and Canada, are set to start phase one in Cannock

Group said they recognise the good work Rotary does in the community and wish to form a lasting partnership withtye Cannock club, McArthur Glen and the local commu-

nity.

Both companies have pledged £2000 do Talking to David Gardiner President of the Rotary Club of Cannock, Gary Bond on ations to the club in respect of the 10K charity Race taking place in November rais-MD of McArthur Glen and Lee Richardson of investors The Richardson Development and Air Ambulance.

Visit to ice cream parlour licked

THE social outing was to Churchfields Ice Cream Farm near Droitwich where Farm near Droitwich where members and guests were taken on an organised tour of the working dairy farm, the milking parlour, the calf nursery, the ice cream pro-duction area and, thanks to their new bio-mass boiler,

Cannock & District Men's Probus Club

a new enterprise produc-ing prize-winning salt from Droitwich brine.

The hour-long tour fol-lowed much ice cream sampling and lunch at the nearby Hadley Bowling

Green pub. The club meets bi-weekly. Contact Paul Shepherd.

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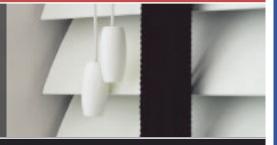
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Why worry?James won't give way to his condition

JAMES Whitford recalls the moment it sunk in that part of his bowel had been removed - and he would spend the rest of his life using an ileostomy bag.
"It felt like the end of the world,"

"It feit like the end of the world," says the 45-year-old from Rugeley. "It was a huge shock. I was a climber and mountaineer, I enjoyed mountain biking. I'm a geologist by trade, and spent time working in Africa and China. I went on holiday in Africa, I did that sort of thing all the time." Fourteen years on, James still enjoys all of these activities, and has added deep-sea diving to his list of pastimes. He says it was seeing the other patients around him in hospital with conditions more serious than his that convinced him he could lead a full and active life if he set his mind to it.



"I was in a ward with seven other people who had their legs amputated, and I thought 'What have I get to worry about?'," he added. James had seen his weight plummet from 11st to 7st 7lb over the previ-ous six months. But matters came to head when he went to stay with his

a head when he went to stay with his parents in Scotland to recuperate. "I kind of ignored it, I thought it was one of those things, but six

months after that I got very poorly, very quickly," says James, who works in Hadnall, near Shrewsbury.

"I was rushed to hospital in Inver-ness, they thought I'd had a heart attack. Fortunately, there was a gastro guy in A&E, and he said he knew what it was. They couldn't do anything to save the bowel, I had a toxic megacolon, and three days later they removed part of my bowel." James's illness was



James Whitford - 'it felt like the end of the world



Mountain bike training

the result of a combination of ulcera-

tive colitis and Crohn's disease.
There are 130,000 ostomates ple who use either colostomy or ileos-

ple who use either colostomy or leos-tomy bags following major surgery to their digestive system – in the UK, accounting for one in every 500 people. And in the run-up to World Ostomy Day last Saturday, he said he wanted



James out in Botswana

people to know that having such surgery is no bar to a fulfilling life.
"My message to anybody who finds

themselves in my situation is, don't be afraid to try things," he said. "It hasn't stopped me doing anything, and there are plenty of products out thereto help you. There's no reason why you should stop doing anything."



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The 16C-1 model is worth more than £20,000 and all the proceeds from the auction will go to the charity which provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces community – serving men and women, veter-

JCB is digging deep to help a charity that supports the armed forces as the nation prepares to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

The Staffordshire-based digger maker has created a unique Lest We Forget mini-digger, in a symbolic red poppy livery, which is to be auctioned to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

The 16C-11 model is worth more than \$20,000 and The 16C-11 model is worth more than \$20,000 and The 16C-11 model is worth more than \$20,000 and The 16C-11 model is worth more than \$20,000 and The 16C-11 model is worth more than \$20,000 and The 16C-11 model is worth more than \$20,000 and The 16C-11 model is worth more than \$20,000 and The 16C-11 model is worth more than \$20,000 and The 16C-11 model is worth more than \$20,000 and the 16C-11 model is worth m ans, and their families. JCB chairman Lord Bamford said: "The British Legion's theme for the Centenary is 'Thank You' and we can think of no better way of saying our own thank you than offering a JCB mini excavator to auction off."

Anyone interested can visit www.jcb.com/auction to pre-register to make a bid from this Friday.

The winning bidder will be announced at the launch of the Staffordshire Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal which will take place at JCB World Headquarters at Rocester on Friday, October 26.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Church to hold a mini-market

ANOTHER mini-market will be held At St Stephen's Church in Bideford Way, Cannock, on Saturday. Organisers say there will be all

organisers say there will be a sorts of bargains on offer including toys, books, gifts, jigsaws, clothes and cakes, as well as a specialist stall sell-ing Christian-based gifts. The event runs from 9.30 to 11.15am.

Bees the topic at wildlife meeting

THE Cannock group of the Stafford-shire Wildlife Trust have an illus-trated talk titled Bees by John Yarn-field on Wednesday, October 17, at St Luke's Church Centre at 7.30pm. Admission is £2 which includes re-freshments. All are welcome. For fur-

ther details about the event email jeff. brough@tiscali.co.uk

Table top bargains

A TABLE TOP fair is to be held at St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock, on Saturday from 10am to 1pm. Admis-sion to the fair is free. Twenty eight stalls will offer a variety of items.



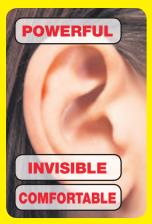
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THIS year's Staffordshire EnviroGrant

THIS year's Staffordshire EnviroGrant Scheme has been launched, offering funding to local organisations.

Part of Veolia's partnership with Staffordshire County Council, the initiative invites not-for-profit groups to apply for grants of up to £1,000 for projects that aim to improve the local environment or quality of life for their local communities. local communities

local communities.

Veolia director Steve Mitchell said:
"This scheme proved very popular last year and made a real difference to the successful local groups and communities who need additional funding. We would encourage local groups to apply no matter how small the request is."

Councillor Gill Heath, cabinet member for communities and the environment on Staffordshire County Council, said: "I'd urge groups to get in touch

ment on Stationashire County Council, said: "I'd urge groups to get in touch and make their applications as soon as possible." The closing date for applications is October 29 and grants will be awarded in early December.

To apply, visit www.veolia.co.uk/staffordshire or call 0203 567 6300.

* Scheme offering Cyber champions lead the battle Staff at award finals firm 'are over online fraud in workplace

shire are becoming cyber savvy with a new designated champion in the workplace.

The initiative has been launched by the county's Online Fraud Forum on behalf of Staffordshire Commissioner for Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime, Matthew Ellis.

The partnership of local business and public sector organisations is chaired by Sue Arnold, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC), who said: 'It's all too easy to fall foul of online fraud, and the consequences

of online fraud, and the consequences can be devastating.

"We all have to become smarter if we're going to reduce the impact of this kind of crime and this free training will enable businesses to stay ahead of the fraudsters.

"The new cyber crime champions



ACC Emma Barnett, DPCC Sue Arnold and trainers Kate Dempsey and Digital PCSO Matthew Hough-Clewes

will be the first point of contact for information and will be able to share it easily and quickly with their col-

Assistant Chief Constable Emma Barnett said: "Cybercrime is a real and current threat to local businesses due to emerging digital crime posed to businesses are significant, and many organisations are being frequently exposed to cyber security

"This initiative will help make it more difficult for criminals to target

The training is being delivered by Staffordshire Police's crime prevention design adviser Kate Dempsey and Staffordshire's digital police community support officer.

Ms Dempsey said: "This is a really good opportunity for businesses to get free advice and training."

PCSO Matthew Hough-Clewes took on the role to protect the public and businesses from online fraud last December. "I have visited a number of groups and organisations, showing

of groups and organisations, showing them how to protect themselves on-line," he said.

driving force'

H2O Hygiene Ltd of Station Street, Cheslyn Hay, has been selected as award finalists for the Family-Owned

award manists for the Family-Owne Business of the Year category in the Amazon Growing Business Awards. The awards were created by Real Business, in partnership with the CBI, in 1998 and today, headlined by Ama-zon, are held in recognition of entrepre-neurial success in the UK.

neurial success in the UK.
Representatives of H2O Hygiene Ltd
will attend the judging day on Monday
which brings together more than 150
entrepreneurs and CEOs. The finalists
will each participate in a 20-minute interview with a panel of judges who ultimetall dealers. In the control of t

mately decide on a winner.

The awards ceremony and black-tie dinner takes place in London on November 28.

vember 28.

Managing director Tom Davenport said: "I am incredibly proud of our 'work family', internally branded #TeamH2O, who are the driving force behind our amazing progression and success. This nomination is a testament to the hard work of the whole team."











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Change of route for cyclists in 2019 Vélo

Treks aid ambulance charity



Hardwick hands over the cheque to ambulance staff at Tatenhill the Dorset coastline, that started in

TWO retired detectives have raised more than £1,000 for West Midlands Air Ambulance

lands Air Ambulance.
Former colleagues John Hardwick and Ian Kinnersley, from the Staffordshire Police Major and Organised Crime Unit, raised the money after completing two arduous treks.

They took part in the Jurassic Coast Challenge in July, a gruelling two-day 100km run or walk along

Poole and finished in Bridport. The former colleagues finished 27 out of 250 competitors, before heading on to compete in the Thames Path Challenge in September – an overnight walk stretching from Put-ney Bridge to Henley, where they ranked 117 out of 800 participants.

John visited Tatenhill airfield to hand a cheque to crew members with West Midlands Air Ambulance.

THE Vélo cycling event has had its route changed - so it will steer clear of Staffordshire and almost

all of the Black Country.
Vélo Birmingham & Midlands will take cyclists east of Birmingham for

take cyclists east of Birmingham for the majority of the event on May 12. It will briefly enter the boundaries of Sandwell and Dudley when the route turns east at Halesowen and along Hagley Road West to the finishing line in Birmingham. Last year the 100-mile race, which was called Vélo Birmingham, divided opinion after it brought many villages in South Staffordshire and Dudley to a standstill. The organisers were blamed for failing to consult over the route. Some businesses were forced to shut and saboteurs left nails

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Now, organisers have announced that the route will change, with 17,000 riders taking part next year. Last year there were 15,000.

Launch

Andy Street, Mayor of the West Midlands, said 2017's event was an 'absolute triumph', adding: "As we get ready to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games, the Vélo Birmingham and Midlands will be a great event to showcase the best of the region."

Councillor Paul Compson, chairman of Trysull and Seison Parish Council, said: "I've got mixed feelings about this an-"I've got mixed feelings about this announcement. It felt like last year it was almost dropped on us and there was little consultation. It led to strong objections from members of the public.

"But on the day there was actually a good turnout of support.

"And while there was some disruption for four burns apply served to mixe it."

a few hours, people seemed to enjoy it.
"I respect the organisers' decision and wish them well for next year."

People can sign up now, although there is expected to be fierce competition with 40,000 riders already registering interest.

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Robber's jail term is cut due to autism

A THUG who targeted six vulnerable women in two hours in a series of violent jewellery robberies has had his sentence cut.

One of the victims was a blind 68-year-old who was robbed of a necklace bought by her late husband as she sat in a veterinary practice. She suffered a heart attack and spent 36 hours in hospital.

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Joshua Bluck and Cameron Ball were sentenced in
February at Wolverhampton Crown Court. But now
an Appeal Court judge has
reduced Bluck's sentence
because of his autism.
Bluck drove an Audi A3,
spotting the victims while

spotting the victims, while Ball carried out the robber-ies in Burntwood, Cannock, Lichfield and Walsall.

The mugging spree in 2016 began when a 77-yearold woman had her neck-lace stolen in Burntwood. A 56-year-old was then robbed ob-year-old was then roobed in Lichfield. The pair then targeted a 70-year-old and Ball pulled off her necklace her husband had bought her before he died. Later, in Walsall Wood, a 65-year-old had a necklace worth £200 ripped off her by Ball.

Afterwards blind pen-

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By Marion Brennan

sioner Elizabeth Smith was attacked at a vets in Aldridge. In Rushall, a 56-year-old was robbed of

her late son's necklace.

Ball, now 19, of Green
Rock Lane, Walsall, admitted six counts of robbery Bluck, 26, of Peolsford Road Pelsall, was found guilty of

the same charges.

Bluck was jailed for 12 years while Ball was given years while Ball was given a seven-year sentence in a Young Offenders Institution. Both were given a three-year extended licence period. The two men appealed against their sentences. Mr Justice Gossrejected Ball's argument but he cut Bluck's jail term to 10 years and removed Bluck's extended licence period.

It's party time as sun comes out for festival



Mandy Cope from 546 Cheese at the Stone Food and Drink Festival Picture: John Sambrooks

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RAIN? What rain? A wet start to a weekend of foodie festivities failed to put a dampener on the show.

A record number of advance tickets were sold for this year's Stone Food and Drink Festival, guaranteeing a crowd whatever the weather. Organiser Charlotte Eglington admitted that her heart sank when she saw the downpour on Saturday. "I woke up really early and looked outside, and I didn't get much sleep after that!" she said.

But she needn't have worried. "Despite the rain, people turned up in droves and then the weather turned gorgeous and staved like that on Sunday too. From grim, it became

turned up in droves and then the weather turned gorgeous and stayed like that on Sunday too. From grim, it became party central," she added.

Attendance figures at the three-day in event Westbridge Park are still being totted up but festival staff said they look encouraging. The event, now in its 14th year, has become one of the biggest food festivals in the region. Local pubs, restaurants and shops got into the festival spirit in the build-up by running quizzes and themed meals.



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Cycle challenge to help fund counselling service



From left, Tesco Rugeley Community Champion Jocelyn Broadhust, Rugeley Leisure Centre's Karla Padua.

A LOCAL rector is urging people to get on their bike in a Cycle Challenge to raise funds for mental health services in Rugeley.

Businesses, community groups and individuals are encouraged to take part in the event on Saturday, October 20, alongside Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling and the Bishop of Wolverhampton, the Rt Rev Clive Gregory

The challenge has been organised

by St Augustine's Church and friends with support from main sponsor Attridge Scaffolding and Tesco Rugeley, Rugeley Leisure Centre, Traders Vehicle Delivery, Salford Van Hire and Palletways UK Ltd.

The Rev Dr David Evans, Team Rector of the Brereton, Rugeley and Armitage Team Ministry, hopes that support from teams of local cyclists will raise \$10,000.

will raise £10,000.

The money will help fund the Changing Room counselling service at St Augustine's Church as well as other

activities supporting people with poor mental health. It is hoped cyclists will achieve a joint distance of 700 miles on spinning bikes provided by Rugeley Leisure Centre in the event between

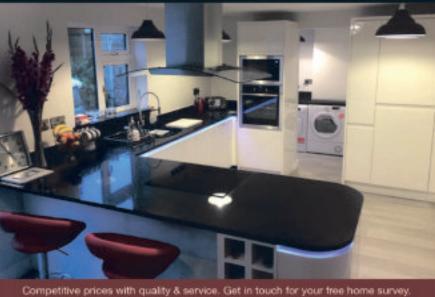
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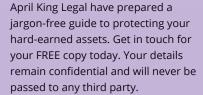
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Battle vow as £4m bid to given the go-ahead given the go-ahead open history centre fails

centre in Stafford are hanging in the balance after a bid for nearly £4 million in cru-

cial finding was rejected.
Staffordshire History Centre
was due to launch at the William Salt Library in Eastgate Street, having already secured planning permission.

It has been in the pipeline for years but the scheme received a huge blow when the Heritage Lottery

Fund (HLF) said it would not put up £3.9m needed to launch it. The county council now faces a battle to keep the dream alive.

Councillor Gill Heath, communi-

with partners to revise the plans."

The bid was submitted by Staffordshire County Council's Archives Councillor Gill Heath, communities chief at Staffordshire County
Council, said: "We're obviously all very disappointed that we were unable to secure the funding from HLF.

"We had a strong bid but it was an incredibly competitive process with tough competition from other major projects across the country.

"While the feedback from HLF recognised the quality of our consul-

COUNCILLORS have approved a £55,000 investment to

apgrade the Cannock Chase district's CCTV system.

The scheme was formally given the go-ahead at a meeting of Cannock Chase Council's cabinet last week.

There are 91 cameras in the district which were installed in 1998, and following a full audit review, 26 have been

identified as being 'in need of essential replacement'. Councillor Carl Bennett, portfolio leader for crime and partnerships, said: "I am delighted that cabinet have agreed this report. CCTV cameras are an essential detertent in our town centres to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour as well as improving police and licensee liaison." The district's CCTV cameras, which record images con-

tinuously 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, are seen as a deterrent to criminals. Footage is often scrutinised by the police and can result in culprits being brought to justice.





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Businesses 'will benefit' from new M54-M6 link

BUSINESSES will 'significantly benefit' from a new link connecting the M54 and M6, a council has said.
Telford & Wrekin Council said it would

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continue to push hard to ensure that the scheme, which it says will improve access to the town, moves forward.

to the town, moves forward.

The multi-million pound route announced by Highways England last week is expected to slash up to 30 minutes off journeys for regular commuters each week. About 22,000 vehicles a day will use the route from the A460, making that major

road less congested. It will also ease conges-tion on the A449 and A5 by separating local traffic from long-distance and commuter traffic, and overall the impact on congestion will hopefully boost the regional economy. The route was chosen after a consulta-

tion that saw nearly three quarters of respondents give it support.

Worked

Councillor Hilda Rhodes, Telford & Wre-kin Council's cabinet member for transport, said: "The announcement from Highways England on the preferred route for an M6 and M54 link is positive and ensures that this project continues to move forward after

a long time in development.
"Telford & Wrekin Council has worked hard to lobby for this scheme.

"We were, however, disappointed to learn that there will no longer be a direct connec-tion to the M6 Toll link road which would have significantly improved east and west connectivity.

"Overall the scheme should still signifi-

cantly benefit businesses and residents."
Currently, the M54 merges with the M6
southbound at junction 10a. This means
northbound road users must leave the motorway network and take other routes to connect with the M6 north at junction 11 or 12 or the toll road at junction T8.

£1,500 boost for cadets



Sue Arnold, centre, with Judy Scott-Moncrieff and Staffordshire Police Cadets co-ordinator Graham Smout

POLICE cadets have been given a to Deputy Police and Crime Comcash boost of £1.500.

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The Staffordshire Police Cadets were given the money by the former Staffordshire High Sheriff, who

raised the money through charita-ble events during his time in office. Humphrey Scott-Moncrieff and his wife Judy handed over a cheque

missioner Sue Arnold representing the Staffordshire Commissioner's office.

Mrs Arnold said: "This is a won-

derful gesture by the former High Sheriff, who really bought into the rewarding and valuable work of the Staffordshire Police Cadets."



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60,000 join in city's heritage celebrations It's time



Rachael Evans of Visit Lichfield and Sergeant Major Marmite during the Lichfield Heritage Weekend

MORE than 60,000 people turned out for the Lichfield Heritage Weekend, official figures show. This year, the event celebrated a number of centenaries,

This year, the event celebrated a number of centenaries, including votes for women, Armistice Day, and the first woman to be ordained in a congregational church. Lichfield BID's footfall counters have revealed that there were 39.791 visitors on the Saturday and 23,399 on the Sunday. Among the attractions were historical properties usually closed to the public, guided tours and walks, talks, and entertainment in Market Square including music from Lichfield City Concert Band and Blast Off, and a performance by Fired Up Theatre. The South Staffordshire Re-enactment Group also put children and their parents through their paces with drills led by Sergeant Major Marmite. Erasmus Darwin House celebrated Remarkable Women and Wade Street Church commemorated the first woman to be ordained in a congregational church.

to vote for the high street hits

best independent shops, cafes and market stalls in Cannock Chase has been launched.

The annual competition, now in its fifth year, is the brainchild of Chase MP Amanda Milling as part of her campaign to support town centre businesses in Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley.

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This year's launch follows a tough 12 months for the high street, with some household names closing and a battle with Cannock Chase Council about charging to have A-boards, tables and chairs outside their businesses

The MP said she wanted to celebrate all the positives about town centres and champion local independent businesses. And she urged the public to vote for their favourite independent shops and businesses, with several

awards up for grabs.

Residents have until November 26 to register their vote in up to eight categories. There will also be an overall winner.

The winners will be announced on Small Business Saturday on December 1.

Mrs Milling said: "Our local town centres is a topic that is regularly raised by resistant to do idents and I am keen to do everything I can to support our local independent busiour local independent businesses. The competition is very popular, with category winners often being separated by just a few votes. "Without independent businesses, our high streets would look very different. "Small Business Saturday is the ideal time to elaborate

is the ideal time to celebrate all that is great about our high streets and show just how much we value our

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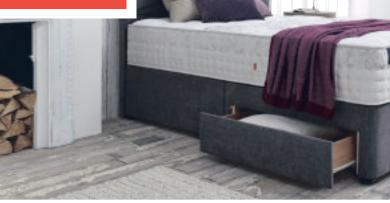




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A DISTRIBUTION site in Cannock has turned to drone technology to help market a warehouse which is seeking its first occupiers.

CONNEQT Alpha is a 153,800 sq ft unit with 16 loading doors on the Kingswood Lakeside Business Park. Owned by Bridges Fund Management and Opus Land, it was completed last month and is

now available for occupation.

The owners have commissioned a video including drone footage to show potential buyers the scale and scope of the building. It is being marketed for freehold or leasehold occupation. Cannock Chase Council is one of

several partners supporting the development of the Kingswood Lakeside site, which aims to create 425 jobs when fully completed.

Confidence

Councillor Gordon Alcott, economic development and planning portfolio leader at the council, said: "Kingswood Lakeside is proving to be a great suc-cess story. The site is already home to leading national companies including DHL, Unilever, Veolia, APC and Hel-

bril, Onliever, Veolia, APC and Hel-lerman Tyton.

"The CONNEQT buildings are clear evidence of the increasing confidence being shown in the district, whether as a great location for companies to serve the UK or as place to find a skilled and dedicated workforce."

Kingswood Lakeside was the first Project to receive backing from the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) investment fund. The site was previously an open-cast mine which opened in 1939 and closed in 1959. It has been under development



since 2002. Two industrial units covsince 2002. Two industrial units covering 14 acres and 283,000 sq ft, of which CONNEQT Alpha is the first, with CONNEQT Beta to be built next, received £7 million in funding from the Combined Investment Fund (CIF). Other funding, of £1.73m, has come from the Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), and from Opus Land's joint

venture partner Bridges Fund Management, a specialist investor. The land on which the park sits was owned by Staffordshire County Council.
Victoria Turnbull, joint managing director of Opus, said: "It is really important to us that these buildings are sustainable. This is shown in the way we have designed them." The video can be viewed at https://bit.ly/2RsdLau

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Alex Woods – one of the finest alto saxophone players to come from the Midlands

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LICHFIELD Jazz continues its programme of bringing the
finest regional musicians to its new venue, Cathedral Hotel, which was very popular at the Blues and Jazz Festival.
Appearing on Wednesday, October 17, will be the Alex
Woods' New York Quartet. Led by one of the finest alto saxophone players to come from the Midlands, Woods achieved
a first class degree at the Birmingham Conservatoire before
going to New York to continue his studies and perform at
venues in the city. The rest of the quartet are Billy Test on
piano, Percy Pursglove on bass and Andreas Swensen on
drums. The outfit play original jazz plus a few standards.
Other concerts lined up for the year are the Nick Dewhurst Band on Wednesday, November 21 and the Lichfield Jazz Big Band Christmas special on Wednesday,
December 19. All gigs start at 8pm.

Doors open at 7.30pm and admission is £10 or £5 for students. Cathedral Hotel is located at 62 Beacon Street.

Brew With a Crew helps to support

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent as part of Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service's Community Wellbeing Week.

Aimed at raising awareness of the importance of

supporting people in vulnerable circumstances, this year's theme is Brew With a Crew with sessions at

various fire stations. As well as the 'Brews', staff have taken part in walking the Wellbeing Mile walking the Wellbeing Mile
on Cannock Chase with
local residents; White Watch
from Longton station got involved in a conga at a dance
class in Fenton; and director of prevent and protect
Glynn Lunzy helped out at
a food bank in Blurton.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer Rob Barber said: "Although we focus our efforts all year round on trying to keep peo-ple in vulnerable circumstances safe, Community Wellbeing Week gives us the opportunity to raise awareopportunity to take aware-ness of the fact we all need to look after those around us who may need a bit of extra help. Firefighters and support staff have all been encouraged to get involved

By Pippa Armstrong

in some of the events this week, and we hope our acweek, and we hope our de-tivities will prompt people to spare a thought for family, friends and neighbours. "Our statistics show there

are four factors which con-

are four factors which consistently play a part in fatal fires – smoking, alcohol, problems with mobility and being elderly (SAME).

"If you know someone who may be in vulnerable circumstances, it's important to bear this in mind.

"We have information on our website – it's at www. staffordshirefire.gov.uk – to help you keep them safe or you could contact our Community Advice Team on 0800 0241 999 to find out if they are eligible for one of they are eligible for one of our Safe and Well visits."

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before returning to London.
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At the outbreak of the First World War, Joey, young Albert's beloved horse, is sold to the Cavalry and shipped to France. Albert, who remained on his parents' farm, cannot forget Joey and embarks on a perilous mission to bring him home.

The play is based on the hugely popular novel by Michael Morpurgo and audiences can look forward to a powerfully moving and imaginative drama. At its heart are astonishing life-sized horses by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses thrillingly to life on stage.

Thomas Dennis, who plays Albert, said:

Thomas Dennis, who plays Albert, said: "We've been touring for over a year and Birmingham will be our last UK venue before we go back to the National Theatre. What's really special is that it's 2018 – the centenary anniversary of the end of the war That gives the piece a special resonance." See www.birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.



Dream Disney date

IT'S time to Dream Big as the latest Disney On Ice spectacular prepares to charm families at its Birmingham show

Join Moana, Maui and friends as they embark on their ice debut. Audiences at the Arena Birmingham will set sail with the wayfinder Moana in Dream Big.

This all-new production, produced by Feld Entertainment, assembles a collection of inspiring stories connected by a cast of characters with a desire to explore the

depths, heights and horizons of their dreams. Alongside Moana and demigod Maui are eight tales of courage and heart, including Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin and Tangled. The production will be at the Arena from Friday, October 19 to Sunday, October 28, with weekend matinees.

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You can't hurry love for Motown

The magical music of Motown will be brought to life when soul classics by Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson and Smokey Robinson play out in a new show coming to Birmingham.

West End hit Motown The Musical will be the first show at The Alexandra Theatre since the venue's £650,000 revamp.

The production is dedicated to the music of the American soul/R&B record label, which was founded in Detroit in 1959 and went on to dominate the pop charts during the 1960s and 70s.

It is opening its first UK and Ireland tour at

It is opening its first UK and Ireland tour at the Station Street venue, and will run from tonight (Thursday) until November 3. Fans can look forward to singers with

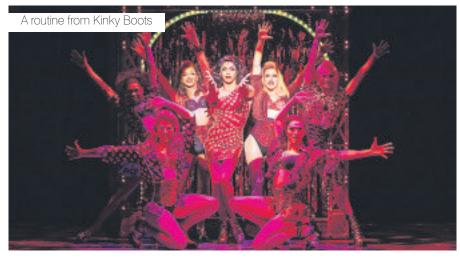
Fans can look forward to singers with a live orchestra performing 50 Motown favourites including Ain't No Mountain High Enough, I'll Be There, Dancing In The Street, Stop! In The Name Of Love, My Girl and I Heard It through the Grapevine.

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It will tell the extraordinary story of Motown founder Berry Gordy, who with just with just 800 dollars borrowed from his family went from featherweight boxer to heavyweight music mogul, discovering and launching the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye and many more.

Motown the Musical uncovers the true story of the legendary record label that changed music history and created the soundtrack for a generation.





Bootiful show to drag

HIT musical Kinky Boots will soon be strutting straight from the Land Of Lola into Wolverhampton - following the official tour launch of the West End show's UK tour

The award-winning show will be at the Grand from October 16 to 27, starring Callum Francis, Coronation

Street's Paula Lane and Joel Harper-Jackson. Inspired by true events, it tells the tale of Charlie Price, who is struggling to live up to his father's expectation and continue the family shoe business in Northampton.

With the factory's future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola. a fabulous drag queen in need of some sturdy new stilettos

Callum Francis, who plays Lola in a flurry of sparkle and colour, is very much the star of this feel-good musical featuring songs by pop icon Cyndi Lauper.

Kinky Boots has won three Olivier Awards, for Best New Musical, Best Costume Design and Best Actor in a Musical.

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Star Jorja to shine at sold

Jorja Smith has enjoyed a remarkable rise to fame after the release of her debut album Lost and Found.

The Walsall R&B singer is on the road with a sell-out UK tour, which reaches Birmingham's O2 Academy on Saturday.

Jorja started singing when she

was eight and began writing songs at the age of 11, amassing many as yet unreleased songs that skew from pop to modern soul. Her family settled in the area

after Jorja's mother forged a career as a jewellery maker, after living in London, and her Jamaica-born father led a neo-soul vocal group called 2nd Naicha. Jorja was raised on a diet of reggae, rock, and soul, which she

countered with her own love of house and dubstep.

Her dad, she said, realised she had a talent when he heard her sing Silent Night in church.

Joria moved to London where she wrote more songs and supported herself by working at Starbucks. Her breakthrough came in January 2016, self-released her debut single, Blue Lights, which was a hit on local radio in London. She was discovered by Drake who asked her to duet on Get It Together. Jorja said no. "I couldn't sing it because it didn't relate to me," she says. However, soon after, she and her then-boyfriend broke up and the song started to make more sense

She's enjoyed a meteoric rise since and sang Blue Lights at the recent televised Mercury Prize night.



Jorja Smith – meteoric rise

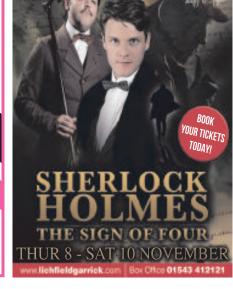
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Laughter from the trenches in war play

A play about how a satirical newspaper that was created in the trenches of the First World War is being staged at Birmingham Rep, with the final performances on Saturday afternoon and evening.

In a bombed out building during the First World War in the Belgian town of Ypres (pronounced Wipers by British soldiers), two officers discover a printing press and create a newspaper for the troops. Far from being a sombre journal, they produce a resolutely cheerful, subversive and very funny newspaper designed to lift the spirits of the men on the frontline. Defying enemy bombardments gas attacks and disapproval of the top brass, The Wipers Times rolled off the press for two years and was an extraordinary tribute to the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity – and paved the way for such irreverent publications as Private Eye, which Have I Got News For You regular Hislop has edited since 1986

See www.birmingham-rep.co.uk or call 0121 236 4455.

Nigel's work inspired by Polish Jewish culture

It has been a whirlwind year for Nigel Kennedy, seeing him perform huge sell-out shows in London and Manchester, as well as headlining the BBC's Biggest Weekend events in

Coventry and Perth.

Next Thursday (October 18) the multi-million selling virtuoso violinist will be at Birmingham's Symphony Hall perform works by Bach, Gershwin, as well as his own self , penned pieces.

A homecoming of sorts for Kennedy, who is a massive Aston Villa fan, he will perform his recent work The Magician of Lublin, inspired by his love of Poland and its Jewish heritage. Kennedy will also play Fugue from Sonata No. 1 by JS Bach and a selection from the Songbook of George Gershwin including Summertime

On Saturday at Symphony Hall acclaimed conductor Xian Zhang will take the baton for Shostakovich's Symphony No 5. Soprano Fatma Said will also sing a selection of Strauss songs



AT YOUR LEISURE

SATURDAY'S TV OCTOBER 13

CHOICE



Killing Eve (BBC1, 9.25pm)

Sandra Oh

Having survived a terrifying close call with Villanelle, Eve and the team now have the mole retrieved and ensconced in a safe house, offering the chance to uncover information that could lead them not only to Villanelle, but also to whoever is calling the shots behind her. However, with the cold-blooded and unpredictable assassin still very much at large, are any of them actually safe until she is caught? Spy thriller, starring Jodie Comer, Sandra Oh, Fiona Shaw, Kim Bodnia and Darren

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) 12.00 Footbalf Focus 12.30 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.15 Money for Nothing. 3.00 Escape to the Courtry. 4.00 Films. Frozen. (2013) Disney animated fantasy adventure, with the voice of Kristen Bell. 5.30 BBC News. 5.40 Regional Programme. 5.50 Pointless Celebrities. 6.40 Strietty Come Dancing. Tess Daly

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6.40 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host the next stage of the dance contest, as the 13 remaining couples take to the floor to impress judges Shirley Ballas, Craig Revel Horwood, Bruno Tonioli and Darcey Bussell, as well as the viewers, and avoid being eliminated in tomorrow night's results show. The likes of Faye Tozer, Ashley Roberts, Danny John-Jules and Joe Sugg have all impressed in the opening weeks, but know they are only one poor but know they are only one poor dance away from potentially being

Casualty. Rash reels from his break up with Gem as she refuses to accept his apology, while David reaches desperation point and gets in touch with Zsa Zsa to help in the quest to find Dylan – but events quickly spiral out of

Killing Eve. Having survived a terrifying close call with Villanelle, Eve now has the mole ensconced in a safe house and hopes to crack the case open. Spy thriller, starring Sandra Oh.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National

Lottery Update.

10.30 This Country. A one-off special investigating the fallout from the criminal activity of Kerry Mucklowe, who became embroiled in a criminal enterprise with her devious father Martin.

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11.15 Live at the Apollo. Jason Manford hosts an evening of stand-up at the Apollo in Hammersmith, London, introducing routines by Geordie comic Chris Ramsey and the multi-talented Doc Brown. (R)

11.45 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by former players 0si Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Thursday night's game – New York Giants v Philadelphia Eagles at MetLife

12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Top Class. (R) 7.00 Marrying Mum and Dad. (R) 7.30 All Over the Place: Europe. (R) 8.00 The Dengineers. (R) 8.30 Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom. (R) 9.00 Elephant Diaries. (R) 9.30 Elephant Diaries. (R) 9.30 Elephant Diaries. (R) 10.00 Talk to the Animals. (R) 11.00 Echo. An Unforgettable Elephant Natural World. (R) 12.00 The Incredible Spice Men. (R) 12.10 01 The Incredible Spice Men. (R) 12.10 01 The Incredible Spice Men. (R) Animais. (R) 11.00 Echo: An Unforgettable Elephant: Natural World. (R) 12.00 The Incredible Spice Men. (R) 12.30 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. 1.30 Coast. 1.50 Film: The Winstow Boy. (1999) 3.30 Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. (R) 4.30 Trust Me, I'm a Doctor. (R) 5.00 Monkman & Seagul'is Genius Guide to Britain. (R) 5.30 Dad's Army. (R)

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Mediterranean with Simon
Reeve. A journey around the
region, examining the challenges
currently facing the nations in the
area. In the first episode, Simon
visits Malta, southern Italy and
Albania. (R)

Albania. (R)
Murray Walker: A Life in the Fast
Lane. A profile of the motor-racing
commentator whose voice became
one of the most recognisable on
British television, and who
continues to contribute to the
BBC's Formula One coverage.

8.00 A House Through Time. David Olusoga focuses on the 1850s to the 1890s, revealing how a widow changed the Liverpool dwelling into a boarding house, and uncovering stories of infidelity and murder. (R)

9.00 Black Hollywood: "They've Gotta Have Us". Film veterans Harry Belafonte, Earl Cameron and Diahann Carroll discuss what it was like to be a pioneer in a white

10.00 QI XL. Sandi Toksvig asks questions relating to animals that start with a P. Alan Davies is joined by comedian Phill Jupitus, broadcaster Danny Baker and actress Teri Hatcher.

10.45 Snowfall. With Franklin and Leon getting worried. Locked in a basement across town, Franklin has to think fast to stay alive.

11.30 Later Weekend with Jools Holland, Neneh Cherry performs songs from her fifth solo album Broken Politics. Also appearing are the Lemon Twigs, Echo & the Bunnymen, Sam Fender, Toots Hibbert and Ashley McBryde.

12.35 Film: Department Q: A Conspiracy of Faith. (2016) 2.20 Trust. (R) 3.05 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. 6.10 Super 4. (R)
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James Martins Saturday Morning. 11. 40
Best Walks with a View with Julia
Bradbury. (R) 12.10 The X-Factor. (R)
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Programmer, Weather. 5. 40 Film: Harry
Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. (2009)
Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel
Radolfife.
8.35 The X-Factor. The remaining 24.

8.35 The X Factor. The remaining 24 acts travel to glamorous destinations across the world and have just one more chance to impress their mentors as the live impress their mentors as the live shows draw tantalisingly closer. Each of the regular judges will be joined by a guest who knows all about what it takes to make it in the industry, to help them decide which of the contestants make the

9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show. Jonathan is joined by Strictly Come Dancing judges Shirley Ballas, Darcey Bussell and Craig Ballas, Darcey Bussel and Carlo Revel Horwood, along with comedian Joe Lycett, former England footballer Peter Crouch and star of Black Earth Rising Michaela Coel. Plus, award-winning singer Tom Odell performs in the studio.

10.55 ITV News; Weather.

11.10 Film: The Expendables. (2010) A mercenary team is double-crosse while on a mission to kill a South American dictator. Action thriller directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Jason Statham.

1.00 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.00 Long Lost Family. The stories of a Ge-year-old woman who gave up her baby as a teenager and a 53-year-old searching for her birth mother. Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell present. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. 6.40 Motor Sport: Caterham. 7.05 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) 7.30 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) 8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Frasier. (R) 9.05 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 9.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.00 The Sing Sport Sport

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain at Low Tide. In Fife, Tori Herridge explores a wreck close to the scene of one of Britain's worst railway disasters, and assesses the role it played in the rescue operation. A series of holes in rocks on the foreshore lead Tori

rocks on the foreshore lead Tori and the archaeologists to the story of an industry that once dominated the local shoreline, and depended wholly on the power of the sea. She also examines stone carvings left in caves by one of Scotland's oldest tribes. Last in the series. (R) Britain's Most Historic Towns. Alice Roberts explores the Norman period of British history by examining events that occurred in Winchester, a historic town that still retains many hallmarks of the 11th and 12th centuries. To get a taste of this era, she attempts to storm a castle wearing chain mail; investigates the origins of modern investigates the origins of mode surgery, and tries some eel pie. At the conclusion of the episode cutting edge CGI is used to take the town back in time, and recreate how it would have looked during this period of British history. (R)

9.00 Film: Red 2. (2013) Former CIA agent Frank Moses reunites his squad of retired operatives for a vital mission. A devastatingly vital mission. A devastatingly powerful new weapon has been stolen, and it falls to Frank's team to retrieve it — which means facing lethal assassins, terrorists and corrupt government officials out to steal the device. Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren and John Malkovich.

11.15 Film: Die Hard. (1988) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Alan Rickman.

1.45 Experimental. (R) 2.40 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.50 Vet on the Hill. 5.45 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel 10.00 Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.20 Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.35 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.35 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 4. (R) 12.05 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.105 Police 10.35 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.35 Peis Make You Laupfl Out Loud 4. (R) 12.05 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.05 Police Interceptors. (R) 2.05 Film: The Shaggy Dog. (2006) Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen. 3.05 Access. 3.10 Film: The Shaggy Dog. (2006) Concluded. 4.10 Rich House, Poor House, (R) 5.05 Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R) 6.05 Can't Bay Well Tike It Away In the Rose of the Start Shape Rose of the Rose of

Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R)

6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner evict
a couple who owe five months'
rent on a flat in an affluent London
suburb. (R)

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner face
some tough decisions when they
are given the task of repossessing
a house in which a woman is living
with two young children. (R)

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 The Theatre of Death: Einht Davs

8.00 The Theatre of Death: Eight Days
That Made Rome. Bettany Hughes
explores the day in 80AD when the
Colosseum opened its gates for Colosseum opened its gates for the first time. For new emperor Titus, the spectacular games and events were an opportunity to win over the people and secure his place on the imperial throne, but why did the Romans – cultured and civilised in so many ways – enjoy witnessing such brutality and bloodletting? Bettany travels across the Roman world in a bid to find answers. Dramatisations featuring Sam Barriscale, Oliver Monaghan and Paul Lacoux bring the key moments to life. (R)
Secrets of the Gladiators: Rome

9.00 Secrets of the Gladiators: Rome unwrapped. Documentary exploring the surviving ruins of ancient Rome, beginning with a look at the Colosseum, featuring surviving accounts from the day the stadium opened.

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10.00 Live Boxing: The Heavyweights. Lee McGregor v Thomas Essomba. Coverage of the bout for the vacant Commonwealth Bantamweight title at York Hall in Bethnal Green, London.

11.45 Criminals: Caught on Camera. Nick Wallis joins police forces across the country to reveal how CCTV and technological advances are helping to ensure convictions against shoplifters. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 4.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Abroad. (R)

DIGITAL

9.00 Monkey Planet 8.00 Life Story 9.00 Film: Goldstone (2016) 10.45 Inside No 9 11.45 Classic Albums 1.45 Monkey Planet 2.45 Life Story 3.45

ITV2

2. 00 Catchphrase 12.40 You've Been Framed! Gold 1.45 The X Factor 2.50 Film: Happy Feet (2006) 3.50 FV Daily 3.55 Film: Happy Feet (2006) 4.55 Film: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) 5.55 FVI Daily 6.00 Film: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) 5.55 FVI Daily 6.00 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) 8.00 FVI Daily 8.05 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) 10.35 Celebrity Juice 11.20 Family Guy 10.240 American Dad 1.40 Don't Hate the Playaz 2.35 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen

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11.00 Hotel for Dogs (2009) 1.05 Epic (2013) 3.10 The Three Stooges (2012) 5.00 Carry On Teacher (1959) 6.45 Cowboys & Aliens (2011) 9.00 Thor (2011) 11.15 The World's End (2013) 1.25 Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (2011) 3.20 Close

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Anna Frie

Butterfly

(ITV, 9pm) New drama series about separated couple Vicky and Stephen, who are reunited when their 11-year-old son Max identifies as a girl. Despite being in a new relationship. Stephen still has unresolved feelings for his ex, and moves back into the family home in the hope of forming a closer bond with his children. While Max's sister encourages him to embrace his female identity Vicky fears the consequences and a furious Stephen is driven to a terrible revelation. Starring Anna Friel, Emmett J Scanlan, Amy Huberman, Lorraine Burroughs, Lola Ogunyemi and Leah Hackett.

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 BBC News. 10.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 11.00 Regional Programme. 11.30 Sunday Morning Live. 12.30 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Money for Nothing. (R) 2.00 Escape to the Country (R) 2.45 Points of View. 3.00 Songs of Praise. 3.35 Lifeline. 3.45 Eat Well for Less? (R) 4.45 Pointless Celebrities. (R) 5.30 BBC News. 5.45 Regional Programps. 5.55 News. 5.45 Regional Programme. 5.55

- 6.55 Doctor Who. The Doctor and her new friends have a mystery to solve when they become trapped in a hostile alien world.
- in a hostile alien world.

 Strictly Come Dancing: The

 Results. Tess Daly and Claudia

 Winkleman present the results of
 last night's show before another
 couple leaves the competition. The
 Backstrett Boys perform a medley
 of their greatest hits.
- 8.30 Still Open All Hours. Leroy gets involved in a love triangle when Beth turns up for their date with a friend, while Granville uses a man who claims to have been abducted by aliens to boost sales.
- by aliens to boost sales.

 The Cry. The police investigation begins to focus on Joanna and Alistair, as Peter gets a warrant to search their house and search their house and belongings. The couple look back over the day they first arrived in Australia in a desperate effort to work out what happened to their missing child, and agree to a television interview in the hope of sharing their side of the story with the world. However, as Joanna's behaviour grows increasingly unstable, a rattled Alistair goes to the police station, determined to find out what they know.
- 10.00 BBC News.
- 10.20 Regional Programme
- 10.20 Regional Programme.

 10.30 New Tricks. Part one of two. Gerry is spocked when the team is called in after the discovery of the body of a policeman that has lain untouched under a basement for 30 years. (R)

 11.30 The Women's Football Show. Eliidh Barbor presents the pick of the action from the Women's Super League, including reigning champions Chelsea's clash with Arsenal. Plus, Manchester City v West Ham United.
- Vest Hall Office.

 12.05 The Apprentice. (R) 1.05 The Apprentice: You're Fired. (R) 1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Around the World in 80 Gardens.
(R) 7.35 Gardeners World. (R) 8.35
Countryfile. (R) 9.30 The Beechpara.
Garden. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best
Bites. 11.30 Food & Drink. 12.00 The
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Film: Pal Joey. (1957) Musical comedy.
starring Frank Shaira A.2 45 Flog Itl 3.30
Meet the Moose Family: Natural World.
(R) 4.30 Rugby League: Super League
Grand Final Highlighis. 5.30 NFL Live.
Oakland Raiders v Seattle Seahawks
(Kick-off 6.00pm).

(Kick-off 6.00pm).

7.00 Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary. After a recent change in American law, decades of testing on chimpanzees has been brought to an end. In this programme. Sue Perkins meets Jill, Whitney, Paula-Jean, Tessa, Martha and Artiah as they settle in at US national sanctuary Chimp Haven after an 800-mille journey from alboratory in New Mexico to rural Louisiana. Sue also meet a representative of Sue also meet a representative of the government agency responsible for federal chimpanzee testing to find out if they think the medical advances to human health have been worth it. (R)

- 8.00 Mediterranean with Simon mediterranean with Simon Reeve. Simon explores Cyprus, Lebanon, Israel and Gaza, going on patrol with UN peacekeepers, discovering the roots of Christianity and crossing the world's most heavily fortified borders.
- 9.00 Last Chance Lawyer New York
 City. Howard represents a woman
 with no prior criminal record
 accused of murdering her
 husband. However, while he is
 positive that she is innocent, Marie
 is not so easily convinced.
- Mock the Week. Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis front a special edition of the topical comedy show featuring best bits and unseen material from the series. (R)
- material from the series. (R)

 10.15 No Activity. Stokes and Hendy
 are separated and forced to work
 with other partners. Bruce seeks
 advice from Jimmy about how to
 rebuild his relationship with his
 nephew
- 10.45 No Activity. Hendy and Stokes stake out the suspected kidnap location. Last in the series. 11.15 Film: Selma. (2014)
- 1.15 Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World. (R) 2.15 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) 3.15 Holby City. (R) 4.15 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. 6.10 Super 4. (R)
6.25 Super 4. (R) 6.35 Make It Pop. (R)
6.35 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R)
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K Factor. (R) 3.00 Back to Mine. 3.30
The Big Auddion. (R) 4.30 The Chase.
(R) 5.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R)
6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

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 6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.
 7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special.
 New series. Bradley Walsh
 presents as Cornation Street
 stars Simon Gregson, Victoria
 Exanoye, Lucy Fallon and Andrew
 Whyment pit their wits against
 ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in
 the hope of winning a potential
 prize pot worth thousands of
 pounds. They must work as a team
 and play strategically to answer
 general knowledge questions general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.
- 8 00 The X Factor The second enisode of the Judges' Houses phase, in which the contestants must impress their individual mentor and a special guest judge to win a place in the live shows.
- 9.00 Butterfly. New series. Drama about a separated couple who are reunited when their son identifies as a girl, but divided over what is best for their child's future.
- 10.00 ITV News: Weather.
- 10.00 Holice in Danger: Caught on Camera. What happens when police officers charged with keeping the public safe come under attack, featuring footage filmed by body cameras worn by officers themselves. (R)
- officers themselves. (R)
 11.15 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Road
 Trip. Gordon Ramsay, Gino
 D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix
 organise a ceremony in their home
 countries. (R)
- 12.15 Strangers. (R) 1.05 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship. 6.35 Motor Sport: FIA World Rallycross Championship. 7.30 Frasier. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier (R) 8.55 Jamile Cooks Italy, 18.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Simpsons. Sunday Brunch. 12. 30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.00 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 Film: Antz. (1998) Animated comedy, with the voice of Woody Allen. 3.10 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 4.30 Location, Location, Location. (R) 5.30 Grand Designs. (R)

- 6.30 Channel 4 News 7.00 Phil Spencer's Stately Homes.
 The property expert visits Belvoir
 Castle in Leicestershire, searching oaste in Leicestersine, searching for a lost railway under the building and trying his hand at modern-day pest control with a medieval twist. He also discovers an aristocratic sex scandal painted on the ceiling and learns the astronomical cost of the original construction work. (R)
- astronomical cost of the original construction work. (R)

 8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Naviglio Grande Canal in Italy, which runs from Lake Maggiore to Milan and is Europe's oldest working canal, providing passage for marble-carrying barges for over 500 years. Along the way, they stop at the Swiss lakeside town of Locarno, the gardens of Isola Bella, and Milan's most famous cathedral, as well as learning a traditional Italian barging song.

 9.00 Film: Now You See Me 2. (2016) Premiere. A gang of magiciansturned-criminals is reunited by a ruthless technology magnate, who fores the learn to carry out a seemingly impossible heist on his behalf. The illusionists realise their only hope of avoiding the law is to
- only hope of avoiding the law is to expose the businessman's illegal activities. Crime thriller sequel, starring Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Daniel Radcliffe and
- 11.35 Film: The Fault in Our Stars (2014) Two American teenagers bond at a cancer support group and go on a literary pilgrimage to Amsterdam. Romantic drama, starring Shailene Woodley and
- Auser Eigort.
 145 George Clarke's Amazing Builds by the Sea. (R) 2.40 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R) 3.35 Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) 4.30 Vet on the Hill. (R) 5.25 Buy It Now. (R) 5.50 Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Peppa Pig. (R) 6.10 Peppa Pig. (R) 6.15 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 6.35 Luo Bao Bei. (R) 6.40 Dipby Dragon. (R) 6.50 Fireman Sam. (R) 7.00 Thomas & Friends. (R) 7.15 Bob the Builder. (R) 7.25 Rusty Rivets. (R) 7.40 Peppa Pig. (R) 7.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.10 Paw Patrol. (R) 8.25 Nella the Princess Knight. 8.40 Shimmer and Shine. (R) 9.00 Pirata & Capitano. (R) 9.30 Floogals. (R) 9.50 Paw Patrol. (R) 10.00 Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 2.00 Friends. (R) 1.30 Firends. (R) 1.00 Friends. (R) 1.30 Firends. (R) 1.00 Friends. (R) 1.30 Firends. (R) 2.00 Friends. (R) 2.30 Friends. (R) 2.00 Friends. (R) 2.30 Friends. (R) 3.00 Friends. (R) 2.35 Friends. (R) 3.55 Firends. (R) 3.55 Firends. (R) 4.25 Friends. (R) 3.55 Firends. (R) 3.55 Firends. (R) 4.55 Firends. (R) 3.55 Firends. (R) 4.55 Firends. (R) 3.55 Firends. (R) 3.55 Firends. (R) 3.55 Firends. (R) 3.55 Firends. (R) 4.55 F

- 6.00 Film: Jack the Giant Slaver.
- 7.00 World's Most Vicious Beasts. Part animals from prehistoric times, including sabre-toothed cats, giant venomous lizards, huge birds, and the infamous Tyrannosaurus Rex.
- 7.55 5 News Weekend.
- 7.55 5 News Weekend.

 8.00 Ice Road Truckers. New series.
 The return of the documentary
 following drivers hauling supplies
 over frozen terrain, with
 companies dealing with
 predictions of one of the shortest winters on record
- 9.00 Ancient Mysteries: Viking Burial Secrets Revealed. New series. Secrets Hevealed. New series.
 Documentary looking into the
 discovery of a Viking tomb in the
 small Danish town of Fregerslev in
 November 2012, one of the largest
 ever found in Denmark.

 10.00 Big brother. Daily round-up of
 highlights, featuring the latest
 take, names arguments, launbe
- tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom
- 11.30 Michael Jackson: Man in the Mirror. Profile of the singer, following his development from child star with the Jackson 5 to becoming an iconic performer in his own right as an adult. (R)
- 1.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 Paddington Station 24/7. (R) 4.00 Inside Britain's Biggest Mosque. (R) 4.45 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.10 House Doctor. (R) 5.35 Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

7.00 Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down 8.00 James May's Cars of the People 9.00 Cold War, Hot Juts 10.00 The Sky at Night 10.30 Feud: Bette and Joan 12.00 The Art of France 1.00 Duts at the BBC 2.00 Robert Rauschenberg: Pop Art Pioneer 3.00 James May's Cars of the People 4.00 Close

12.15 The X Factor 1.30 Catchphrase 12.15 The X Factor 1.30 Catchphrase 2.16 Film: Around the World in 80 Days (2004) 3.10 FYI Daily 3.15 Film: Around the World in 80 Days (2004) 4.30 Film: Happy Feet Two (2011) 5.30 FYI Daily 5.35 Film: Happy Feet Two (2011) 6.25 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) 7.25 FYI Daily 7.30 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) 10.00 Family Guy 11.25 American Dadi 12.25 The Cleveland Show 12.50 The Weekender: Dad Tarty 1.30 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.20 Teleshooping 5.50 ITV2 Mintscreen Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

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1.25 Agatha Christie's Poirot 3.20 Film:
Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972)
4.55 Foyle's War 9.00 Lewis 11.00 Wire in the Blood 1.95 Long Lost Family 2.00
Murder, She Wrote 3.45 Road to Avonlea
5.30 ITV3 Nightscreen

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12. 50 The Big Bang Theory 4.40
Film: Rio 2 (2014) 6.40 Film: Captain
America: The First Avenger (2011) 9.00
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11.00 Flight of the Navigator (1986)
12.50 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick
Rules (2011) 2.55 A Monster in Paris
(2011) 4.40 Mrs Doubtfire (1993) 7.00
Turner & Hooch (1989) 9.00 The Family
(2013) 11.15 True Lies (1994) 2.00
Hitchcock/Truffaut (2015) 3.45 Close



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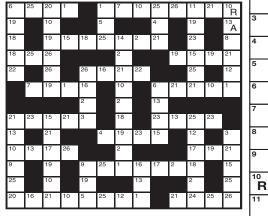
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 6. A cheese list misplaced and not brought back (7)
- 7. One not born to work (5)
- 9. It's evacuated during the shellina (6)
- 10. A brave man (3,6)
- 12. Handy aid in solving crime (11)
- 15. Proceeded to argue like Siamese Twins? (6.5)
- 17. Not up to date with the accounts (2,7)
- 19. Spelling this can be fun (3)
- 21. Used by those dying to have attractive hair (5)
- 22 Grave words for those who are

Down

- 1. A bench to put in the sun (5)
- 2. Old prophet among the Israelites (3)
- 3. New mode of ecclesiastical architecture? (4)
- 4. Flew round in a miraculous way (9)
- 5. Word of praise (7)
- 8. Type of briefs used in the textile industry (6)
- 11. A foreign girl who drops in after marriage! (9)
- 13. Incorrectly tagged labour-saving device (6)
- 14. It may lead to a quick duck for any batsman (7)
- 16. Time of strain? (5)
- 18. Ready to drop (4)
- 20. Enclosure in the post you open (6)

Across

6. Generous (7)

7. Flinch (5)

Quick Clues:

- 9. Intimidate (3)
- 10. Litter (9)
- 12. Formal utterance (11)
- 15. Narrator (11)
- 17. Food (9)
- 19. Arid (3) 21. Demise (5)
- 22. Slander (7)

- 1. Guide (5)
- 2. Wager (3)
- 3. Huge (4)
- 4. Buyer (9) 5. Leave (7)
- 8. Disclose (6)
- 11. Corruption (9)
- 13. Eager (6)
- 14. Begun (7)
- **16**. 144 (5) 18. Otherwise (4)
- 20. Damp (3)

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Direct descent; 8 Disorder; 9 Laps; 10 Stater; 12 Insure; 14 Prison; 16 Stuffy; 18 Tax; 20 Misprint; 22 Light industry. Down: 1 Minister; 2 Report; 3 Stud; 4 Dear sirs; 5 Scales; 6 Snap; 11 Ring main; 13 Refinery; 15 Slight; 17 Unrest; 19 Axis; 21 Side. QUICK - Across: 7 Discreditable; 8 Sediment; 9 Type; 10 Divert; 12 Sledge; 14 Better; 16 Edible; 18 Room; 20 Strength; 22 Accommodating, Down: 1 Lifeline; 2 Scribe; 3 Dene; 4 Distaste; 5 Mantle; 6 Slap; 11 Tiresome; 13 Gelatine; 15 Tomboy; 17 Ignite; 19 Once; 21 Rude. 19 Once: 21 Rude

Quiz

- What nationality was the composer Heitor Villa-Lobos?
- The Khyber Pass connects Pakistan and which other country? Which court was abolished by the Long Parliament in 1641? Which Carry On star was born James
- Smith?
 What parts of speech are 'they' and 'them'?
- What do we call Pongo pygmaeus?
- Which former sex symbol described Jill Phipps as the "Joan of Arc of veal"?
- Of what is the bar a unit? Which Roman slave is associated with a

Tasmania from Australia?

lion? 10. What is the name of the channel separating

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 W H Auden: 2 Octopus: 3 Numbers:

4 Leopard; 5 White River; 6 Bolivia; 7 Corona:

8 County Kerry; 9 A grass; 10 Patricia

Highsmith.

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Charming five bedroom home has large garden plot

This charming five-bedroomed semi-detached property in Cecil Street, Cannock, lies on a large garden plot.

It is for sale through Jayman Estate Agents at £200,000. Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, guest WC, a lounge, a kitchen, a conservatory, five bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property also benefits from having a good sized driveway to the fore, a good sized rear garden and a garage. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the wealth of space this property has on offer. In more detail the entrance hall has a good sized storage cupboard. The lounge has a double glazed window to the front, double glazed sliding patio doors and an electric fireplace. Having two double glazed windows to the rear elevation, the kitchen/diner has a door to the garage, a range of wall and base units with work surfaces over, a sink and drainer unit, an integrated oven, integrated hob, cooker hood, an integrated fridge freezer, integrated dishwasher, tiled flooring and feature lighting. The garage includes wall and base units with work surfaces over, a sink and drainer unit, plumbing for a washing machine, electric points and ceiling lights. The conservatory has a ceiling fan with lights and a WC completes this floor. Upstairs the landing has loft access and a cupboard. Bedroom one has a double glazed window to the rear, as does bedroom two. Bedroom three overlooks the frontage of the property, and has laminate flooring.

Bedroom four also overlooks the front, again having laminate flooring. Bedroom five/study has a double glazed window window to the front and laminate flooring.

Also positioned to the front, the family bathroom has a low level WC, vanity wash hand basin, a bath with mixer taps and a shower over, part tiled walls and an extractor fan.

Outside, to the front is a good-sized driveway. To the rear is a good sized garden with lawn area, a gravelled area and a patio area

KEY FEATURES

Semi detached property

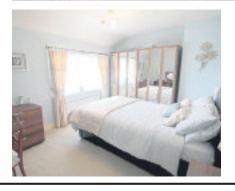
Five bedrooms

Conservatory

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Rear garden









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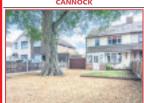
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maculately presented three bedroom semi detached house / Sei on generous plot with parking for several vehicles / Large rear garde led to rear on ground floor / Stunning open plan kitche

Huntington Terrace Road CANNOCK



1930's style three semi detached house / Spacious lounge & dining room / Modern kitchen / Driveway / Good sized rear garde Offers in Excess of £140,000

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ell presented and deceptively spacious two bedroom property / ose to local shops and amenities / Close to local shops and amer way with parking for two vehicles / Private rear garden



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- Dressing room/wash room Garden to rear
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- Kitchen, quest cloakroom
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GUIDE PRCE £80.000+

Flats 1 and 3 - 41.06m



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LOT 3

Induse
In need of refurbishment
Located in popular position
Gas central heating
EPC ratios D (52) Located in popular position
Gas central heating
EPC rating D (58) GUIDE PRICE £65,000



- 4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD. WS12 4JP LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
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- FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Requiring some modernisation Benefiting from gas fired central



118 MOSS ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 6DP FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

POSSESSION

◆ Attractive double fronted 4 bedroom detached house

◆ In popular residential area

◆ Requiring some modernisal

◆ EPC rating E (52)

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 Flat 165 E (46)
 Flat 165 E (46)

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LOT 6

FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL

- house
 ◆ Standing on larger corner plot
 ◆ Gas central heating
 ◆ Producing £6,760 P.A
 ◆ EPC rating tbc
- - PC rating toc
 GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

- First Floor
 One bedroom
 Lounge & Kitchen
 Bathroom
 Garden EPC = C



- Semi Detached House
 Three Bedrooms
 Additional Shower Room
 Splendid Backdrop
 Cul-de-sac Location EPC = D



- First Floor Maisonette
 One Double Bedroom
 Fitted Kitchen & Stylish Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage
 No Chain EPC = D



- Two Bedroom Mid Town House
 Immaculately Presented Throughout
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 Upstairs Stylish Bathroom & Downstairs Guest WC
 Ideal First Time Purchase EPC = C

Bradbury Lane Hednesford



- Semi Detached Bungalow
 Superbly Modernised Throughout
 Stylish Refitted Kitchen
- Contemporary Refitted Bathroom
 Two Generous Sized Bedrooms & No Chain EPC = D



- RENOVATED THROUGHOUT
 NO UPWARD CHAIN
 Four Bedrooms & Two Bathrooms
 Two Reception Rooms
 Very Large Cellar, Spacious Enclosed Rear Garden EPC = E



- Semi Detached House
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- Inree Bedrooms
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 Lounge & Kitchen Diner
 Cul De Sac Location * EPC = D

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 Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
 Shower Room
 Rear Garden & Garage
 Cul-de-Sac Location EPC = D





- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
 Lounge/Diner
 Kitchen & Utility Room
 Downstairs Shower Room & Upstairs Bathroom
 Front & Rear Gardens EPC = D





- No Chain
 Two Bedrooms
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 Rear Parking and Detached Rear Garden EPC = D



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 Three Bedrooms
 Sought After Locality EPC = D



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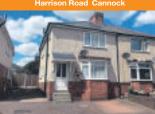
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 Lounge
 Kitchen/Diner
 Driveway & Garage
 Bathroom & Ensuite EPC = B



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- Sweetbriar Way,
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Good sized three bedroomed semi with a garden

OLDBURY £185.000

A good sized three-bedroomed semi-detached house, 6 Langley Road, Oldbury, comes with a private established rear garden.

Being in a convenient location, within walking distance of Langley Green Railway Station, it is for sale through Tom Giles & Co at £185,000.

Langley High Street is also within walking distance. There are also schools within the area for all age

This home has double glazing and central heating throughout.

It is stood setback from the roadside behind a fore garden with brick boundary wall and footpath approach.

A porch and composite door lead to the reception hall.



The front sitting room has a bay window, cast iron fireplace surround with a fitted gas fire on tiled hearth, a ceiling rose, coving and double doors opening to rear sitting room.

This has a wooden feature fireplace surround with a fitted gas fire on a tiled hearth, picture rail, and French doors within a bay to the rear garden.

There is also a cellar and a lobby and a PVCu double glazed door to the garden.

The kitchen has base units and wall cupboards in a cream finish with contrasting melamine working surfaces providing worktop, a double base unit and appliance space for a 'Smeg' range cooker with a tiled splash-back.

Call Tom Giles estate agents on 0121 552 6171.



Spacious fourbed home is new to the property market

WEDNESBURY £250.000



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New to the property market, this spacious four-bedroomed modern detached house in Grayling Close, Wednesbury, is for sale through Skitts estate agents at £250,000.

This charming home lies in a popular location.

Its accommodation briefly comprises of four bedrooms, master with en-suite, two reception rooms and a conservatory, a utility and downstairs WC, fully tiled bathroom, a garage, concrete print driveway and an established rear garden.

The home also has gas central heating and double glazing.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in this

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Well-presented three-bed terraced house near travel links

WEST BROMWICH £149,950

This well-presented three-bedroomed terraced house in Cordley Street, West Bromwich, is for sale through Skitts Estate Agents at £149,950.

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The property is conveniently located a short distance away from local schools, travel links and is a short walk away from the town centre and all of its amenities which include the New Square shopping complex.

The accommodation briefly comprises a sitting room, a lounge/dining room, a kitchen, a downstairs bathroom, three bedrooms and a rear garden.

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Kia hatch gets a new high-spec trim

The all-new Kia Ceed 'GT-Line' takes design cues from the higher-powered Ceed GT model revealed earlier this month, and will go on-sale across Europe during the first quarter of 2019.

Strengthening the appeal of Kia's new mid-size family car range, the new Ceed 'GT-Line' is available on every variant of the new Ceed, including the five-door hatchback and Ceed Sportswagon. The new shooting brake bodystyle of the ProCeed is sold as standard in 'GT-Line' specification. Drawing inspiration from Kia's new high-powered Ceed and ProCeed GT models, all three 'GT-Line' models offers a high level of versatility, turbocharged engines and engaging handling, topped with a sporty new look inside and out.

The Ceed 'GT-Line' is available with a choice of powertrains: Kia's 1.0-litre and 1.4-litre T-GDi (Turbocharged Gasoline Direct injection) engines, or Kia's 1.6-litre 'Smartstream' CRDi (Common-Rail Direct injection) diesel engine. The downsized range of powertrains contribute to the car's agile handling characteristics.

The Ceed 'GT-Line's exterior introduces a range of distinct GT-inspired design features. These include a satin chrome and gloss black 'tiger-nose' grille surround, unique 17-inch or 18-inch 'GT-Line' alloy wheels, and newly designed front and rear bumpers which echo those of the Ceed and ProCeed GT. The fog lamp surround also incorporates horizontal metallic 'blades', similar to those found on the new GT models and the Kia Stinger. The range of Ceed 'GT-Line' models is available in a choice of 10 paint finishes.

Inside, Ceed 'GT-Line' models distinguish themselves with a series of changes designed



There are newly designed rear bumpers

to introduce a sportier ambience to the cabin The grey roof lining of the Ceed and Ceed Sportswagon is replaced with black cloth to cocoon occupants, and the door sills feature metallic scuff plates. 'GT-Line' models are fitted with a sporty D-shaped steering wheel as standard, and – for models equipped with Kia's double-clutch transmission – drivers can change gear with metallic steering wheel

The Ceed 'GT-Line' is fitted with new sports seats for front passengers. The 'GT-Line' front seats feature larger side bolsters than those found in conventional Ceed models and are trimmed in black cloth and light grey synthetic leather. Sports seats with the same supportive structure as the Ceed and ProCeed GT will be available, with the larger side and thigh bolsters from the higher-powered models in the line-up. These seats are finished in black leather and suede with grey stitching and piping. Models trimmed in full leather upholstery are available with heated and ventilated front seats and heated rear seats

'GT-I ine' models are available with a



The Ceed 'GT-Line's exterior introduces a range of distinct GT-inspired design features

choice of turbocharged engines from the conventional Ceed model range. These include Kia's lightweight three-cylinder 1.0-litre T-GDi engine, producing 120 ps and 172 Nm of torque. The 1.4-litre 'Kappa'
T-GDi is also available, with power and torque outputs of 140 ps and 242 Nm, respectively. The Ceed 'GT-Line' is also available with Kia's all-new 'Smartstream' 1.6-litre CRDi diesel engine, available with a choice of two power outputs - 115 or 136 ps - in Ceed and Ceed Sportswagon models. The ProCeed 'GT-Line' offers drivers the higher-powered

of the two engines. Every engine is paired with a six-speed manual transmission, while 1.4-litre T-GDi and 1.6-litre CRDi engines are available with Kia's seven-speed double-clutch transmission

The Ceed 'GT-Line' offers drivers a wide array of comfort, convenience and safety technologies. This includes the standard floating' infotainment system, available as either a 7.0-inch touchscreen audio system or 8.0-inch touchscreen satellite navigation system with navigation and Kia Connected Services powered by TomTom®. The system enables full smartphone integration with Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto

Standard technologies include full Bluetooth® smartphone integration with voice recognition, automatic lights, and keyless entry. Other comfort and convenience technologies include a JBL Premium sound system with Clari-Fi music restoration technology. A heated windshield melts away frost, ice and windscreen mist at the push of a button. A wireless smartphone charger, heated and ventilated front seats, and heated rear seats are also available.



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Models shown: Picanto 'X-line S' 1.25 83bhp 5-speed manual at £14.470 including optional chargeable Clear White paint at £250, Stonic '4' 1.0 T-GDi 118bhp 6-speed manual ISG at £20,200 including premium Blaze Red with Black roof paint and Niro '4' 1.6 GDi 1.56 kWh lithium-ion 139bhp 6-speed auto DCT 18" alloys at £28,285 including optional Premium White Pearl paint at £565, Picanto GT-Line S 1.0 T-GDi 99bhp 5-speed manual MY19 at £15,235 including premium chargeable Chilli Red paint at £515. Specification varies across the range and is subject to change without notice. "£2,000 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving analysis to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Picarto S. 25.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Picarto S. 25.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Picarto S. 25.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Picarto S. 25.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Picarto S. 25.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Picarto S. 25.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Storic, £3.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Storic, £3.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Storic, £3.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Storic, £3.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Storic, £3.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Storic, £3.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Storic, £3.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Storic, £3.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Storic, £3.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customers excluding Personal Contract Hire when registering a Storic, £3.00 (inc. VAT) scrappage saving available to private customer

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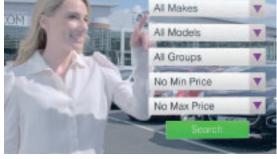


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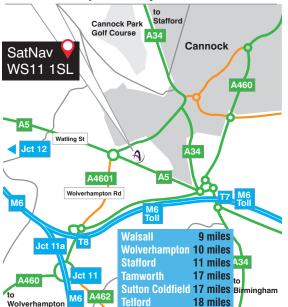
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A sleek, 'fastback' design with coupe-like lines

German dominance of executive market challenged by new 508

By John Griffiths

Peugeot has been putting on the style with its new 508, adding sporting appeal to its new flagship saloon.

It's not, strictly speaking, a saloon: it is a sleek, 'fastback' design with coupe-like lines and a rear hatchback to make access to the luggage space easier. Inside it majors on comfort and style, with excellent ergonomic seats and, on the two examples I drove, adaptive suspension providing a high standard of ride refinement combined

with handling dynamics.
With prices from £25,000 to £37,400 it offers a direct but distinctively different offering to premium saloons from the German manufacturers, Jaguar and higher grades of the Ford Mondeo.

It's a tough market to crack, but with a range of clean, economic and taxefficient engines and forecast residual values the best in its class, Peugeot is hoping its classy new entry into the executive world will appeal to the head as well as the heart.

The new 508 is slightly shorter (but wider) than its predecessor but its wheelbase remains the same, meaning the lower, sportier look has been achieved without loss of interior space.

It has also contributed to the rather sharper, more dynamic feel of what is a big car, with head and legroom for five adults and a 487 litre boot (or 1.537 litres with the rear seats folded)

Elegant is a good word to describe its appearance, while the inside is uniquely Peugeot with an interior which boasts Gallic design flair and a high degree of practicality. It includes the latest version of the company's i-Cockpit: a small steering wheel which allows quick and clear visual access to the 12.3 inch colour information display – just below the drivers' eyeline and much more comprehensive than rivals' 'head-up' displays. It's driver configurable, so you see what you want.

That, of course, is in addition to the colour touch screen in the centre of the dash from which features such as audio. Bluetooth, climate control. satnav and other functions are controlled. Just below that is a line of bright 'piano' keys, an attractive substitute for big clunky switches all over the centre console.

I drove two diesel engines, the 1.5 litre, 130hp which is likely to be the biggest seller and the top of range 2.0 litre 177bhp. The former is, of course, the economy king credited with an average of 72.4mpg and a low CO2 rating of 103g/km which means tax as well as fuel savings. It's no sluggard, though, with the ability to hit 62mph in under ten seconds But perhaps more importantly is its refinement, barely raising its voice above a whisper.

The 177bhp unit was mated to an eight-speed automatic box which gives the 508 a limousine-like ambience. With those close ratio gears and a healthy 295Nm of torque at just 2.000rpm, it wafts along with almost effortless ease, reaching the benchmark 62mph in 8.3 seconds. Obviously it's the thirstier of the two engines, but is still capable of a very respectable 60.1mpg and a CO2 rating of 124g/km.

Petrol options include 1.5 and 1.6 'PureTech' engines, with power outputs of 131, 181 and 225bhp derived from the company's four-times winner of the International Engine of the Year title for their efficiency. With the power and performance of a bigger capacity engine, they reduce fuel consumption and emissions compared to a conventional rival, CO2 ratings are from 101 to 131g/km

Equipment levels are high. particularly on the safety front starting with six airbags, speed limit recognition and recommendation, automatic door locking, adaptive cruise control and automatic emergency braking. There's also a 'lane keeping' function which monitors your position and uses audible and steering prompts to ensure you stay within your lane.

A night vision system – a first for cars in this class - uses an infrared system to alert you to potential hazards ahead, beyond the range of the headlights.

A massage function for the seats, a panoramic glass sunroof, 360 degree camera and fully automatic parking system are on the already comprehensive kit list.

The new 508 is the best effort yet by a French manufacturer to tackle the dominance of the executive market by the three German brands

It oozes style, inside and out, but it isn't a case of form over function. High levels of refinement and comfort with clean and efficient engines and a raft of safety technology make it a serious contender





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Updated Fabia ticks all boxes

By Jack Evans

If you're after low-cost yet wellbuilt motoring, then Šoda has your back. It makes the excellent Superb, and more recently the Karog and Kodiag SUVs.

There's also the Fabia, which sits just above the Citigo at the entry-level end of the range. We're driving the refreshed 2018 model, which has received a series of minor updates to keep it current and help it battle against the current consumer shift towards crossovers – both from inside and outside the brand.

The changes to the Fabia are subtle. It now has standard-fit LED daytime running lights that help give it more visual impact, while the fog lamps are larger too. Look a little closer and you'll find a revised '3D' grille, which helps to brighten the front end a touch.

There's also a variety of new safety assistance systems available, ensuring the Fabia stays up-to-date when it comes to this sort of technology.

Just two engines are available with the Fabia – a 1.0-litre turbocharged unit (the one we're driving here), and a nonturbocharged version of that 1.0-litre engine. We'd opt for the turbo, as it offers better flexibility while being able to deliver a far more relaxing drive, particularly or the motorway. A healthy 121Nm of torque gives the Fabia a decent

amount of punch. Škoda says the sprint to 60mph is 9.4 seconds with a top speed of 121mph. Economy is decent, with the manufacturer claiming 60.1mpg on the combined cycle and emissions of 107g/km of CO2.

Life behind the wheel of the Fabia is quite pleasant, . The steering is light but not overly so, while the gearbox is a breeze to use, as already mentioned. The 1.0-litre engine manages to be quiet at speed, where only a touch of road noise impacts on what is otherwise a good standard of refinement. The ride is also good, only stuttering slightly when it comes to larger imperfections in the road. For the most part, it manages to iron out the lumps and bumps in the road well, and this makes it far more adept at long-distance runs than you'd expect, given its compact size.

The original Fabia was never much of a conversation starter when it comes to looks, and the same can be said about this latest version. This is no bad thing, however - the Fabia doesn't scream out for attention but merely looks smart enough for all occasions. The latest additions, such as LED running lights, do help to jazz the whole affair up, but it's not a car for showboaters merely those who are happy with

a car that does the job.

If you're after a little more style there's the top-spec Monte Carlo



Despite its rather diminutive footprint, the Fabia does well when it comes to boot space

specification. With its contrast roof square in shape, which will help and alloy wheels, it's a slightly more upmarket take on the Fabia. Again, the interior gets everything right with little fuss. The build quality is excellent – everything feels very well screwed together and dependable for years to come. It's not going to take your breath away, that's for sure, but a series of chrome accents has been fitted to give the cabin a touch more character.

Despite its diminutive footprint. it does well when it comes to boot space too. Keep the rear seats in place and you've got 330 litres, while folding them down increase this to 1,150 litres. It's also very

with loading, while there are some handy lashing points for tying down loose items.

Our car came in mid-range SE L specification, and this packs an impressive amount of standard equipment. You'll find a full satellite navigation system as part of the car's £15,205 base price, along with 16-inch alloy wheels. The infotainment system is intuitive and simple to use - pairing your smartphone takes no time at all. while entering a destination into the sat nav is equally hassle-free.

Only the Monte Carlo specification sits above the SE L, and this incorporates a variety of exterior touches as well as standard-fit climate control and LED rear lights.

The Fabia ticks all the boxes you could want from a dependable everyday car. It drives well, is economical and offers plenty of practicality to boot (if you'll excuse the pun). It does this all for an incredibly impressive price. and shows that you don't need to spend over the odds to get a car that'll do everything you could ask of it day in, day out. It may not have the badge appeal of other more premium offerings but it's well worth looking past this, as it's easily one of the best small-car offerings on the market today





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is hereby given that Staffordshire County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding along Ramillies Crescent, Great Wyrley. For more information regarding access arrangements, timings and diversion routes please visit https://roadworks.org?tm=106954098. The Order will come into operation on 29 October 2018 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated the works will be completed by 26 February 2019. The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the gas mains replacement works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 15 RUGELEY PARISH TEMPORARY CLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Staffordshire County Council, on 09 October 2018, made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any pedestrian from proceeding along Public Footpath No. 15 Rugeley Parish in so much as passes by and is in the direct vicinity of the railway footbridge for a distance of approximately 30 metres. The closure is required for the installation of some new fencing.

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Date: 11 October 2018



ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (WATLING STREET, CANNOCK) (PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURNS) ORDER 2018

Highways England Company Limited hereby gives notice that it has made an Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 on the A5 Trunk Road at Cannock, in the County of Staffordshire.

The effect of the Order, which comes into force on 15 October 2018, will be to prohibit vehicles from making a right turn from the access/egress road situated 400 metres southeast of the roundabout junction of the A5 with the A4601 at Cannock, into the A5 Watling Street, at Cannock.

A COPY of the Order, a plan illustrating the proposals and a statement explaining why Highways England Company Limited has made the Order may be inspected during office hours at Cannock Chase Council, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1BG; Cannock Library, Manor Avenue, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1AA or may be seen at, or obtained by application to, Highways England Company Limited. The Cube, 199 Wharfside Street. Birmingham, B1 1RN.

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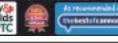
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TICKETS go on sale tomorrow (Friday) for the Sports Personality of the Year, being held at the Genting Arena, Birmingham. Now in its 65th year, a host of changes have been made to the 2018 awards.

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For the first time, the nominated contenders will be announced on the night of the show and with fewer names in the running.

The Greatest Sporting Moment of the Year is new, with the public choosing from a shortlist drawn up by an independent panel of the standout moments of the past 12 months. An award to honour a Young Sports Personality will be presented at the BBC Radio 1 Teen Awards on October 21.

Nominations are also open for the BBC Get Inspired Unsung Hero award to honour the most dynamic forward thinking and diview volunteers from

to honour the most dynamic, forward thinking and driven volunteers from across the UK.See https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/get-inspired/27037119

Tickets go on sale at 9am, priced at £45 plus admin fee. Children under

16 must be accompanied by an adult, minimum age 10 years. Buy online at www.theticketfactory.com or by phone on 0844 33 88 222.

Cage Warriors makes return to second city

ADAM 'The Love Doctor' Proctor will meet Angelo Rubino this month as Cage Warriors returns to Birmingham for the first time in eight years.

The October 20 bill at the Genting Arena will boast a welterweight title

fight between Stefano Paternò, defending his belt against Ross Houston and a four-man featherweight title tournament featuring Dean Trueman, Lewis Monarch, Aiden Lee and Paull McBain.

With nine wins and just one defeat since his pro debut in 2014, 'The Love

Doctor' is carrying a four-fight winning streak into his clash against the Italian welterweight Angelo Rubino.

The CW98 light-heavyweight main event will be between Yannick Bahati

and Alan Carlos. Bahati is a local name who has finished seven opponents by either knockout or submission, and has called for the city's growing MMA fan base to get behind him. Carlos comes into the fight with superior experience and travels from Sweden looking to upset the home fans, having picked up big wins across Europe for over a decade since his debut in 2007.

Top darts players on Premier League oche

THE Unibet Premier League will return to Arena Birmingham next year as the sport's top stars continue their battle for the prestigious title.

The ten-player tournament features league nights across the UK, Ire-

land, Netherlands and Germany in 2019 during a four-month tour.

The success of previous visits to Arena Birmingham will see next year's tournament return to the Midlands on April 25 for the 13th night of the

Four matches on the night are set to see the likes of world number one Four matches on the night are set to see the likes of world number one Michael van Gerwen and current world champion Rob Cross doing battle on the oche. The full field of players will be confirmed in January, with the top four players on the PDC Order of Merit qualifying by right and joined by six invited players. Tickets are on general sale via www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222. They are priced at £27.00/£46.50/£53.00 (includes admin fees and £1.20 facility fee) + £2.55 fulfilment fee per order.



Beth Cobden in action during the match against Australia



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Netball bounces back as a popular game

scooped gold at the Commonwealth Games beating host nation and favourites Australia earlier this year it was an historic turning point for the sport.

It was a clear sign of a resurgence in the game which is attracting more and more players back to courts across the country every year.

Close to home we have our own netball star. Cannock-born England netballer Beth Cobden is a Commonwealth gold medallist. And now the 25-year-old wing defence has moved to Australia signing for Adelaide Thunderbirds having spent the last three seasons with Loughborough Lightning.

It's estimated that 1.4 million women and girls are playing during a typical week within the netball season – a 44 per cent increase on 2016. Last year it became the second-highest funded sport in the UK, behind cycling, after it was awarded £16.9 million by Sport England for four years with an extra £3m earmarked for the national team

Underdog

England Netball's successful Back to Netball scheme, which provides women of all ages with a gentle re-introduction to the sport has proved a huge hit with more than 60,000 participants since it started since 2010.

And to encourage older women back into the part well-introduction.

sport, walking netball, which is an adaptation of the original game in which players cannot run or jump, has been launched in recent years.

For some people the mention of the word net-ball will likely bring back memories of shivering on a school playground while you skulked on the wings, hoping to be substituted back onto

vou thought vou knew about the sport - be-

SPORTING FEATURE

By Heather Large

The benefit netball has over, say, hitting the treadmill for an hour a week, is that it's a team sport you're much more likely to stick to your exercise plan when other people are relying on you

cause netball is actually the secret underdog of fitness, with tonnes of mental and physical benefits. There are many reasons why it might be time to give your short-lived career in goal

be time to give your short-lived career in goal attack another shot.

Firstly it's an excellent cardio workout because of all that squatting, jumping and pivoting harder than Ross from Friends in the infamous sofa episode.

All netball positions require players to sprint around the 30-metre court to attack or defend, execute set plays, take throw-ins and generally

keep the ball moving from end to end.

A good game will involve gut-whittling bursts of sprinting, core strengthening twists and turns, smarting the opponent with high-intensity decoy runs and furious chest-to-chest passing. As well as being great for full-body toning, it's an avalosive cardiovascular workout for it's an explosive cardiovascular workout for your heart.

It's also good for hand-eye co-ordination because once you're in possession of the ball, you're glued to the ground until you can pass it on to someone else. There are a few creative passes that each player can utilise to bamboo-

zle the other team: a high pass shoots it over the opposing team's heads, a chest pass throws it directly while a bounce pass allows a single ounce on the ground.

Games involve plenty of throwing and catch-

ing in quick succession, so players must have slick ball skills and flawless co-ordination to get the ball to an area where their team can shoot and score.

and score.

But the benefit netball has over, say, hitting the treadmill for an hour a week, is that it's a team sport – which means you're much more likely to stick to your exercise plan when other people are relying on you to show up and play.

As well as the increased motivation to get

moving, netball has a friendly competition element that makes an hour of game play fly by so much faster than a solo session at the gym.

Research has found that getting outdoors,

even in the UK's constant drizzle, can work wonders for your mental health.

Basics

Finally, unlike basketball or rugby, netball is a non-contact sport, which means you won't get bulldozed to the ground when the ball gets thrown your way. If you're worried about in-jury, netball is a great way to get fit, lose weight and be social without the fear of scrapes, bruises and broken bones.
So if that's tempted you then the best place

to start is the England Netball website – englandnetball.co.uk – where you will find details on its Back to Netball scheme, which runs sessions across the country, including in the Black

Stons across the country, fictuding in the black Country, Staffordshire and Shropshire.

These cover the basics of the game including passing, footwork and shooting.

Sessions typically finish with a friendly game to put the skills you've learnt into practice.

But if all else fails, there's nothing to stop you from sorting a goart and starting to stop you.

from renting a court and starting up your own casual seven-a-side game. You don't need any special kit – just clothes you feel comfortable in, a few team bibs and a ball.

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Penalty pain for Pitmen in FA Cup exit

Kettering Town 4 Hednesford Town 0
HEDNESFORD Town crashed out of
the FA Cup against Kettering Town after conceding a hat-trick of penalties.
The Pitmen pressed first but they
failed to get a shot away in the third
minute when well placed, while nine
minutes later Michael Richens sent a
free header wide for the home side. free header wide for the home side.

Kettering went ahead in the 15th min-ute when Callum Mendez-Jones was ad-judged to have committed a foul in the penalty area and Brett Solkhon stepped up to score from 12 yards.

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A second penalty was awarded in the 32nd minute when Joe Fitzpatrick dangled out a leg and Solkhon converted again into the same corner of the net.

The home side appealed for another penalty two minutes later before Callum Coyle found the net for the Pitmen, only to have his effort ruled out for a foul.

Hednesford started the second half on top with plenty of possession but little in the way of actual attempts on goal.

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The Pitmen conceded a third penalty in the 70th minute as new signing Dan Sweeney caught his man in a tangle of legs. Once again Solkhon placed his kick in the same corner to complete his treble. Kettering added a fourth goal in the 87th minute as Lindon Meikle did well to get to the buline and drive the hall across get to the byline and drive the ball across the box for Andrea Borg to tap in. Although the Pitmen continued to

come forward they would end the game with nothing to show and their attention now turns back to the league. Tomorrow they entertain South Shields (3pm).

Scholars fight their way back from 2-0 down to grab point

Ramsbottom United 2 Chasetown 2 GEORGE Cater capped off a terrific Chasetown fightback as they came from 2-0 down to draw at Ramsbottom.

The home side took the lead after 15 minutes when a corner to the far post minutes when a corner to the far post was headed home by an unmarked Luke Thompson. United doubled their lead when Jerome Wright converted a spotkick after a foul by Sam Luke.

Chasetown pulled one back when the hosts failed to deal with a corner and Josh Beaumont hooked the ball back scross for Cater whose affort souirmed.

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across for Cater, whose effort squirmed under Sam Ashton's body. Chasetown pushed for an equaliser and The Rams were equal to everything the Scholars mustered. Chase sub Muzzy Nduna went close

Ashton denied Jon Beaumont's header from a long Jimmy O'Neill throw-in. Finally the Scholars made it 2-2 as United failed to deal with O'Neill's lethal throw and Cater volleyed through a crowded penalty area.

Storm on form but twins suffer setbacks



Matt Wigley looked good in Assen before crashing out twice Picture: Robert Baxter

TEENAGER Storm Stacey carried his British Motostar form over into the British Talent Cup by claiming

the British Talent Cup by claiming his first ever podium in the class. Travelling to Assen in Holland, the Eccleshall star romped to sec-ond in the first race and then fol-lowed that up with a solid fifth. Starting seventh on the grid for race one, he battled with his rivals, setting the festest lan for goods.

setting the fastest lap for good measure, to claim a 'steady sec-ond place'. The result leaves the 15-year-old sixth in the standings

with one round to go, but just six points off fifth. The Wigley twins, from Hednesford, had also made the long trip to Holland, compet-ing in the penultimate round of the

Ing in the penutimate round of the British Supersport series.

And although their early fast pace gave way to crashes and breakdowns, a few changes with the set-up gave the Sorrymate.com riders food for thought for the final round – and even into next year.

Kurt, who suffered a DNF in race one and then finished 22nd in

the second, to sit 17th in the championship, said: "It started off as a great weekend but unfortunately

great weekend but unfortunately didn't pan out that way."

The Wigleys will be back in supersport action at Brands Hatch from October 12 to 14 when they will be joined by fellow Sorrymate. com rider Josh Hiatt, 15, from Heath Hayes. Stacey will also be in British Motostar action but then heads Spain for the last talent cup races, on the undercard of the final MotoGP round, November 16-18.

Super six for lively Cannock

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WHEN the Cannock Men's first team
stepped onto the pitch on Saturday for
their first away fixture of the season,
they carried the heavy weight of expectation and responsibility.
The past couple of seasons have
not been kind to the club as they have
dropped out of top-flight hockey in England for the first time in their history.

dropped out of top-flight hockey in England for the first time in their history, and following a narrow defeat in the opening game of the season, the team were keen to make amends.

Boots scored a well worked goal within the first two minutes, but that ignited the fire within the Cannock team who hit back, immediately equalising with a bilitation and from the form of the first work for the blistering shot from captain Stuart Gooderham.

Adams in goal pulled off some stun-

ning saves to deny a tiring Boots forward line as Harry Jawanda and Callum Nightingale fired home to make it 3-1 at half time. Cannock continued to dominate throughout the second half with Duncan Gladwin, Ed Martin and Danny Swinnerton adding to the tally. Cannock L1s 4 Lichfield L1s 1

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Cannock sprung into life and took charge of the game scoring three goals in very quick succession. Lichfield hit back with a well taken 1919 but Cannock

back with a well taken Iv1 but Cannock finished the game off with a fourth goal in the second half Other results: Cannock L2s 2 Edbas-ton L1s 1; Cannock L3s 2 Lichfield L3s 1; Cannock M4s 4 North Staffs M3s 2; Cannock M5s 1 Lichfield 2.

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The blue plaque on the house



Peter Barnes, left, Michael Greatorex and Muriel and Derek Davis



Sydney Barnes - Greatest XI

ONE of the greatest Englishmen to have played test match cricket has been honoured in the Staffordshire village where he made his home.

Sydney Barnes played 27 times for England in a 13-year career before ending his days in Chadsmoor – where a blue plaque has been installed on the house which he lived in until his passing 50 years ago.
Saturday saw the Chadsmoor Local History

Society unveil the plaque to honour the former England and Staffordshire cricketer in front of his grandson Peter Barnes plus his immediate

family.

Helping with the unveiling was the chairman of Staffordshire County Council, Michael Greatorex – Barnes was employed as a calligrapher by the council from 1939 to 1965, appointed to the post at the grand old age of 66 and retiring some 25 years later.

More than 60 people were in attendance for the unveiling at the house in Moss Street, having first been treated to a dramatic reading about Barnes's life at Chadsmoor Methodist Church before making their way down to his former home. fore making their way down to his former home

After the unveiling, guests were invited by the

chairman of the society Councillor Muriel Davis to partake of tea and cake.

Derek Davis, society researcher, said: "To mark this special occasion a Staffordshire County Cap was loaned to the actors performing the reading, similar to one that would have been worn by similar to one that would have been worn by Barnes – who has also previously been voted into Richie Benaud's Greatest XI and named by Geofrey Boycott as his favourite cricketer of all time." The society, which was formed in October 2014, aims to promote an understanding of the history of Chadsmoor through different events. It was integral in the construction and unveiling of a war memorial to all the 250 men from Chadsmoor who were killed during both world

Chadsmoor who were killed during both world

New men inspire Hayes to victory

Heath Hayes 2 Stapenhill 0 HAYES included three new signings for the visit of Stapenhill and turned in a five-star performance. A first half in which both sides were

evenly matched and in which neither keeper was put under any undue pres-sure came to life in the second half when Hayes turned in some of the best football of the season. The goals came on 56 min-utes when Sam Melia finished off a fine pass from Sherwood, and on 73 minutes when Mark Stanton ran through to put the ball under the keeper. Young keeper Jordon Harvey deserves

praise for pulling off three fine saves.

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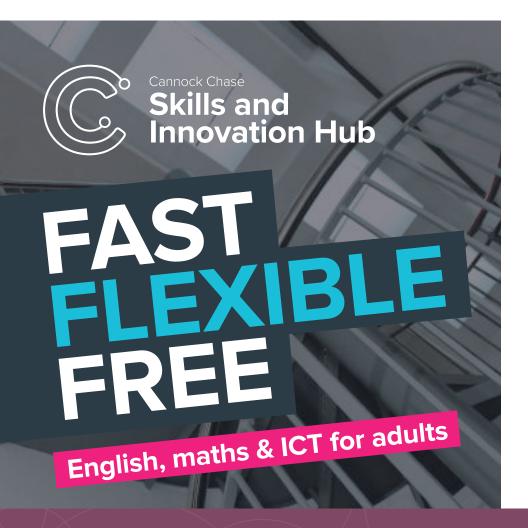
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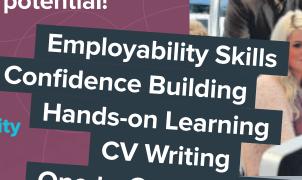
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